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HONOURING OUR TOWN'S SOLDIERS

Parade to mark return of Engineers from Afghanistan

THOUSANDS of people are expected to line the streets of the county town on Friday to welcome soldiers back from an arduous tour of duty in Afghanistan.

The servicemen and women had an emotional reunion with their loved ones when they returned to the Invicta Barracks in Maidstone last Friday.

Two members of the regiment lost their lives during the six-month tour of duty.

Cpl Ivano Violino, 29, known as Sean, was killed in September and

BY LAUREN MUMFORD

LCpl Jake Alderton, 22, lost his life in November.

The troops of 36 Engineers have also spent longer serving abroad than any other regiment in the Army in recent years, which is why civic leaders decided they should be honoured.

The Welcome Home Parade has been organised as a tribute to their tough service in Afghanistan.

Deputy Mayor of Maidstone Denise Joy said: "It's so important for us to recognise the work they have done for us. It will be such a special day, it will

be absolutely fantastic."

The parade will set off from County Hall at 10.50am, proceeding through the town centre to the town hall, before arriving at All Saints Church on Mill Street at 11.30am for a service.

Cllr Joy said: "I am extremely grateful to have them back and I imagine anyone in Maidstone who has the opportunity to attend the service will - I think the church will be filled to the hills, which will be wonderful.

"It will be a time of celebration but obviously with some sadness for the two members who were lost."

After the service the regiment will be presented with a book of condolence

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Picture: GREG FUNNELL

BUSINESSMAN HAS THE PRINCE'S TRUST

This young entrepreneur was congratulated by Hollywood star Kevin Spacey after coming runner-up for a prestigious award.

Karl Cannon, 29, lived in woods and ate from rubbish bins after being expelled from school as a teenager.

Suffering from depression and desperate to turn his life around he turned to the Prince's Trust aged 17 and with their help he has built up a successful teaching recruitment agency in the county town.

He rubbed shoulders with A-list actors and actresses at the awards evening last week and was presented with a prize by Prince Charles.

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Drop-out Karl comes good at UK awards

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

A MAN who went from being a homeless school drop-out to a successful entrepreneur has been honoured at an awards ceremony for turning his life around.

Karl Gannon, of Barming, scooped the runner-up prize at The Princes Trust's prestigious CapGemini Enterprise Award's for setting up an award-winning teaching recruitment agency.

The 29-year-old entrepreneur was joined by Hollywood A-listers including Richard E Grant, Daniel Day Lewis and Gwyneth Paltrow to collect the prize at London's Odeon in Leicester Square.

Mr Gannon took to the stage with Prince Charles and actor Kevin Spacey to collect his award in front of 1,500 people after a short film was shown about his achievements.

He said: "It was overwhelming. I was really shocked because there are several thousand businesses in the UK and to find out mine was in the final was amazing."

The ceremony, organised by The Princes Trust and Royal Bank of Scotland, took place on Tuesday evening last week, to recognise young people who have overcome homelessness, drug addiction and unemployment to achieve success.



OVERWHELMED: Karl Gannon shakes hands with Prince Charles as he picks up his award

ment to achieve success.

Mr Gannon was expelled from school at 14, had no qualifications, suffered from depression and learning difficulties and spent years drifting in and out of low-paid jobs before seeking the help of The Princes Trust.

Support

The hardship he suffered in his early life was the inspiration for his company, Education Sense, which supplies teachers into mainstream and special needs schools.

Mr Gannon said: "The feedback we get from schools is that we are doing

something special and very unique."

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group's support of Celebrate Success is part of a five-year partnership with the trust to help a million young people who are not in education, employment or training.

The Prince of Wales set up The Prince's Trust because he wanted to help young people in the UK.

The trust has helped more than 575,000 young people since 1976 and needs to raise £1 million a week to continue this support.

To enrol as a teacher or find out more about Education Sense, call 01622 727070.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Kent Game Fair's got wheelie great line-up

VINTAGE vehicles of all shapes and sizes will be the star attraction at this year's Kent Game Fair.

The annual event takes place at the Kent Showground in Detling on Saturday and Sunday, and will include vehicles from across the last 100 years, as well as games and activities for all the family.

There will be displays of archery, fishing, falconry, ferrets, dogs and local produce.

Forces combined for Detling Hill checks

STOP checks targeting criminals and unsafe drivers were taking place this morning at Kent County Showground.

Vehicles were being directed off the A249 at Detling Hill into the showground as part of the Safer Spring crackdown.

Around 40 police officers and a drug-sniffer dog, alongside 30 people from other organisations, including Customs, took part.

Fundraiser is just the ticket for school tour

STUDENTS are a step closer to embarking on a sporting tour of South Africa after a successful fundraising dinner dance.

Parents, friends and staff attended Sutton Valence School's charity event and raised more than £4,000 to send 35 students and five members of staff to Johannesburg this October.

The group will spend two weeks taking on teenagers in the region's poorer towns at cricket, tennis and golf.

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Pair's idea could lead to a Forgotten World

Hop Farm will be used in trial run for project

EXCLUSIVE

BY LAUREN MUMFORD

PLANS to build Europe's biggest indoor reptile conservation centre have been unveiled by two exotic pet experts from the county town.

Forgotten World will be 12 acres of indoor rainforest, based on the Eden Project, where the habitats of the planet's animals will be available for everyone to witness.

Visitors will enter a unique, environmentally-controlled tropical rainforest complete with butterflies, colourful birds, trickling streams and crashing waterfalls, surrounded by authentic sounds and aromas of the jungle.

Energy to power the facility in the Kent countryside will be produced by wind turbines and water mills and all the animals will be rescued and donated by zoos.

Creators Mark McCarroll and Mark Brann, who own Exotic Pets shop in Maidstone, said:



BITE-SIZE: Amazon to Outback experience will be held at The Hop Farm in May and will feature thousands of reptiles

"The idea is to promote global wildlife conservation with a huge emphasis on reptiles.

"This is a subject we are passionate about and our aim is to spread awareness of the destruction that we as a human race are causing and the ways we can help to conserve and protect the animal kingdom."

The location of the conservation centre is being kept tightly under wraps until the plans are agreed and building work is underway.

The centre will also be part of an international zoological breeding programme, aimed to re-introduce species of reptile back into their natural habitat. Some of the profit made from the centre will go towards buying acres or rainforest to secure it from deforestation.

It is hoped the project will be open to the public by the summer of next year.

Organisers have also set up an event at The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood which will mimic the conservation centre on a miniature scale.

Amazon to Outback Reptile Experience will be held over the weekend of May 17-18 and will see thousands of animals including alligators and giant pythons set in a rainforest environment.

There will be feeding demonstrations and interactive educational displays with an alligator and appearances from Animal Planet star Iain Newby and entomologist Alan Stubbs.

The success of Amazon to Outback will determine whether the proposals will get the go-ahead for Forgotten World Conservation Park.

Additional funding for the zoo is still needed, call Mark McCarroll on 07964 333559.

Tickets for The Hop Farm are available now at www.thehopfarm.co.uk.

Hedge owner is cut down in size

COUNCIL chiefs have taken direct action against a hedge owner for the first time after receiving reports they were "an unreasonable nuisance".

Contractors have reduced the height of two hedges in Hollingbourne after the owner ignored requests to cut them to a reasonable height.

After receiving complaints from residents the council inspected the site and issued the owner with a notice to take action. When the notice was ignored contractors were sent out to carry out the work themselves.

The cost of the work will be recovered from the owner and the council is considering whether to prosecute for failure to comply with its notice.

Councils have powers to deal with complaints about evergreen hedges which are more than two metres high.

If neighbours cannot agree a solution between themselves a formal complaint can be submitted to the council.

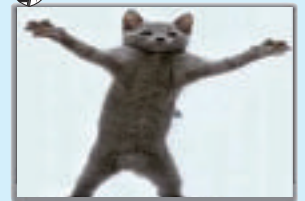
The complainant is normally asked to pay a £350 charge for the investigation.

For more information call 01622 602340 or email highhedges@maidstone.gov.uk.

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Regiment to get book of condolence

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which has been signed by thousands of people who wanted to pay tribute and remember those who had lost their lives fighting in the war.

The black book, which was started in January, has been signed by Maidstone and Weald MP Ann Widdecombe, Mayor of Maidstone Richard Ash, as well as councillors, the public and war veterans.

Miss Widdecombe told Yourmaidstone: "In this book I remembered that great verse from scripture, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend. They gave their lives for us'."

People can also show their support by buying wristbands for the Afghanistan Memorial Fund.

Call Sergeant Neil Tattersall on 01622 767202 to buy one or make a donation.

A family is campaigning to help clean up hospitals following the death of 90 people in the west Kent superbug outbreak two years ago.

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Students given a taster of university life with new course

BY SIMON ROBINSON

A COURSE offering students the tools they need to take the step up to higher education is being offered by Mid-Kent College.

The Youth University Course, run in partnership with the University of Kent, concentrates on developing the personal and study skills necessary for life at university.

Students will become proficient in working as part of a team, giving presentations, developing their research and thinking skills and learning the importance of meeting deadlines and managing their time.

They also follow a broader subject curriculum studying English, maths, psychology, sociology, communications, science and history.

Close contact will be maintained with the University of Kent, with visits to the campus, opportunities for special study skills sessions and the personal assistance of specially trained student mentors.

The two-year Youth UP course will

start at the college's Oakwood Park centre in Maidstone in September.

Tutors Lucy Frost and Louisa Horner said they are looking forward to the course getting underway.

Lucy said: "Students will be able to experience university life before they enrol and therefore will be better prepared and able to succeed. It is a very exciting development and we can't wait to get the course underway."

A one-year version has been running successfully at the Horsted centre in Chatham since 2006.

The first group of graduates were all offered places at the universities of their choice.

Anyone interested in Youth UP is asked to call the course information line on 01634 402020 or email Louisa at louisa.horner@midkent.ac.uk or Lucy at lucy.frost@midkent.ac.uk for more information.

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College art exhibition to encourage green living

AN ART exhibition showing the need to protect the world's resources will open at Hadlow College this weekend.

Threats to wildlife, forests, land and water will be the themes at Finite? An Exhibition for Tomorrow, at the college's design studios from Sunday to Saturday, April 5 from 10am to 5pm, but closing an hour earlier on the first day.

The artists' works attempt to persuade visitors to be more eco-friendly and enforce the college's reputation on green issues.

Deaf charity in urgent call for new volunteers

A CHARITY which helps the deaf and hard of hearing community across the county needs volunteers to staff its advice clinics.

Hi Kent has received funding to extend its hearing aid aftercare and advice stores in Maidstone and is looking to recruit up to ten volunteers to help run them.

Volunteer co-ordinator Jill Townsend said: "We urgently need new volunteers to help run new clinics throughout the area."

For more information call 01622 691151 or e-mail enquiries@hikent.org.uk.

Youngsters invited to get behind wheel at Hop Farm

A POPULAR children's TV character launched an exciting new attraction which teaches youngsters road safety.

Peppa Pig spent the Easter weekend at The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood and unveiled the new children's Driving School.

The school is a fun circuit where children under the age of ten can learn to drive around in their own brightly coloured mini car, observing signs, tackling roundabouts, watching for people at zebra crossings and stopping at the traffic lights, while learning the basic Highway Code.

You'd be a fool not to try out top chef's pudding

AN award-winning restaurant will be offering a specially-made dessert to its customers on April Fool's Day to celebrate its eighth birthday.

Head chef Scott Goss has created a new April Fool pudding to give to customers who dine at The Swan in West Malling on April 1, as a free birthday gift.

He said: "What better way to celebrate eight successful years in business than with my specially-created April Fool dessert?"

To book a table call 01732 521910.

Web cook-a-long gives you the dish of the day

■ BY JULIE MADDOCKS

THE opportunity to cook alongside a top restaurant chef in your own home doesn't come along everyday of the week.

Well – now it does, thanks to a new series of features on our free broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

We sent a video crew along to a top restaurant to learn how to cook one of its best-loved dishes – and now you can log-on and cook-along too.

We know that fish is good for us, and that we should eat a lot more of it.

It's an excellent source of protein, vitamins and minerals, and oily fish is particularly nutritious containing high levels of the fatty acid, omega-3.

However, it doesn't change the fact that even some of the most experienced in the kitchen, find the idea of cooking it daunting.

We're blessed with an abundance of fresh

seafood here in Kent, with some of the best being hauled into quayside markets. One of these is based in the big shed on Whitstable quay, with the Crab & Winkle Restaurant directly above it.

Head chef at the restaurant is Ben Walton, whose passion for all things edible from the sea, comes from his training in a Relais & Chateau-listed seafood restaurant on the coast of Normandy, France.

This invaluable experience led him to work in some of the country's premier kitchens, and he now runs his own in Whitstable, but what made him choose this corner of Kent?

He explained: "It's a beautiful place. As a chef it's important to be close to the source of the product you're cooking."

"We get lovely fish here, and we're associated with the fish market downstairs. We can go down and see what the fishermen are bringing

in, we're a little bit spoilt on what we can lay our hands on."

So why is it that so many people are nervous of cooking this essential ingredient?

"They don't know what to do with it," says Ben, "to begin with we should always try and keep it simple."

"If you're worried about bones, get the fishmonger to fillet it properly for you."

So, is it really that difficult to cook?

Ben agreed to let me into his busy kitchen to try my hand at cooking one of the restaurant's headline dishes – pan-fried mackerel with a warm bacon and potato salad.

With a quick outline from Ben, the recipe seemed relatively straightforward.

But is there an essential tip he could help us with when making the meal at home?

"When cooking, try and err on the side of caution," Ben warned, "don't over cook it, there's nothing worse than dried-out fish."

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If you want to try it for yourself, log onto www.yourkenttv.co.uk and cook-along with Ben Walton from the Crab & Winkle.

We will be visiting some of the leading restaurants in the county, guided through recipes, preparation and cooking of culinary delights.

The ingredients you need to cook-a-long with our very own Julie Maddocks are below. To find the clip search for 'Maddocks'.

MACKEREL, BACON AND POTATO SALAD (to feed 4)

4 large mackerel fillets

100g bacon

300g new potatoes (cooked)

300g green leaf vegetables (eg. broccoli, cabbage)

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Juice of two lemons

100ml olive oil

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White pepper

Flaked sea salt

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Join the Saturday night switch-off and help save our planet

MAJOR landmarks across the country will be plunged into darkness on Saturday as part of an international campaign to raise awareness of global warming.

Earth Hour strikes at 8pm on Saturday – and for one-hour businesses, historic sites, and homes will turn off non-essential lighting.

And this newspaper urges all our readers to show solidarity with the campaign and switch off their lighting for 60 minutes.

Created to take a stand against 'the greatest threat our planet has ever faced', Earth Hour will roll out across the world with a host of major cities committing to the campaign.

Driving awareness of Earth Hour locally is commercial radio station Invicta FM. It has transformed March into 'Green Month' with a series of special features to encourage people to alter their lifestyles.

Marketing manager Richard Roberts explained: "We want people to realise that by making slight changes to the way they live, they can make a real difference to protecting the environment."

"It's easy to do and it's the right thing to do. We know turning the lights off for an hour will not change the world, but it is a symbol-

■ BY NICK AMES

ic gesture to raise awareness of some key issues which effect us all."

Among those landmarks flicking the off-switch will be Canterbury Cathedral, Bluewater shopping complex, Gillingham FC's Priestfield stadium, the University of Kent, Strawberry Moons nightclub in Maidstone and the offices of KOS Media – publishers of this newspaper.

And it is hoped thousands of homes will join in too.

Added Mr Roberts: "Almost half of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions, the main greenhouse gas which causes climate change, actually come from the things we do every day. Things like leaving lights on unnecessarily or overfilling the kettle all waste energy and result in needless carbon dioxide emissions."

One of Invicta FM's stunts saw breakfast show co-host James Heming buy a £500 van and convert it to running on chip fat – provided by the county's fish 'n' chip shops. He took it on a tour of the county and then all the way to the capital of France – Paris.

• **Join in Earth Hour this Saturday – March 29 – by turning lights off from 8pm until 9pm.**

Watch DJ James head green drive

IF YOU missed seeing Invicta FM star James Heming cruising the county in his chip fat-powered yellow van – never fear, simply log-on to our free, broadband TV channel www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Before embarking on his trip to France as part of the station's Green Month, he called into the offices of this newspaper to let us know how we can change our lifestyles to help protect the environment.

To see the interview and the van in action, go to www.yourkenttv.co.uk and search for 'Invicta'.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New homes nearly ready for struggling tenants

FAMILIES at risk of becoming homeless will soon be able to move into newly-built housing association properties.

Maidstone Housing Trust is celebrating the completion of seven new two and three-bedroom homes in Park Wood, which are expected to be handed over to new tenants in the next few weeks.

All families moving into the new homes are from Maidstone council's housing register will be asked to sign up to a good neighbour agreement, outlining a code of behaviour.

Maidstone Housing Trust development manager Brendan Ferrill said: "These seven homes are the last of several small developments throughout the Park Wood area, providing 27 much-needed homes for families at risk of becoming homeless."

The homes have been built by building contractor Osbornes on a former under-used garage site owned by the trust, with funding from Maidstone council and the Housing Corporation.

These houses meet the Secure By Design standard and are rated as 'Very Good' on the EcoHomes scale.

Get up, up and away in new balloon flights from castle

VISITORS to a historic landmark are being offered the chance to experience a flight in a hot air balloon.

Leeds Castle has a selection of packages which take off from its grounds in Hollingbourne. These all include champagne after the flight, a flight certificate and entrance into the castle and its grounds.

From Monday to Friday at selected times the early bird and midweek packages are available from £120, and from Monday to Sunday throughout the day, the open package is available for £150. Prices are per person.

For more information call 01622 873200, or visit www.leedsastleballoon.com.

Youth club receives £5,000 boost toward new project

YOUNG people living in Kings Hill are set to benefit from a donation to their youth club's funds.

Developer Liberty Property Trust UK Ltd, based in Kings Hill, has given £5,000 to the community's newly-opened youth club to put towards a project of their choice.

Company spokeswoman Susan Davies said: "Kings Hill is a very popular place for families to live, and it is important that teenagers here have somewhere to go in the evenings."

"We are delighted that our donation will be put to such a good cause."



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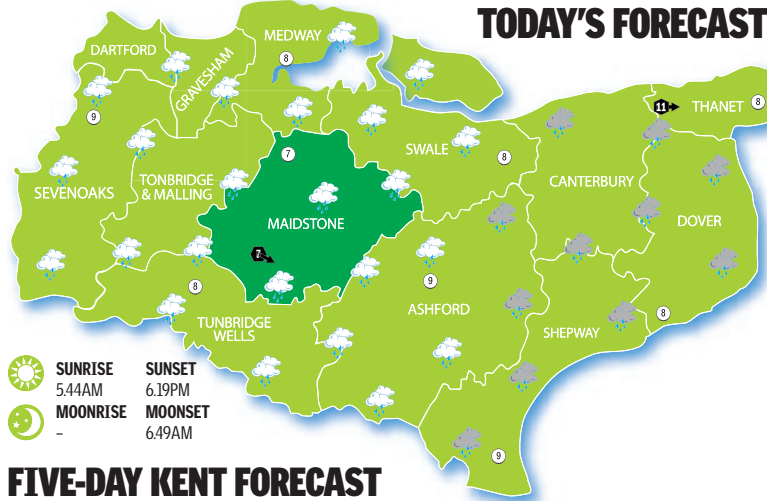
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TODAY'S FORECAST



WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	3:46pm	5.5m
	Sunday	4:20pm	5.2m
Dover	Saturday	1:56pm	5.9m
	Sunday	2:30pm	5.7m
Dungeness	Saturday	2:09pm	6.8m
	Sunday	2:45pm	6.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2:26pm	4.5m
	Sunday	3:00pm	4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	3:36pm	5.3m
	Sunday	4:09pm	5.0m
Whitstable	Saturday	3:39pm	4.9m
	Sunday	4:10pm	4.7m



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SUNSET 6:19PM
MOONSET 6:49AM

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	9°C	9°C	9°C	10°C	12°C	Gravesend	7°C	9°C	10°C	11°C	11°C
Canterbury	6°C	8°C	9°C	10°C	11°C	Maidstone	7°C	9°C	10°C	11°C	12°C
Chatham	7°C	7°C	9°C	11°C	10°C	Ramsgate	6°C	8°C	9°C	10°C	11°C
Dartford	7°C	9°C	10°C	11°C	11°C	Rochester	7°C	7°C	9°C	11°C	10°C
Dover	7°C	7°C	8°C	8°C	9°C	Sevenoaks	7°C	7°C	8°C	9°C	9°C
Faversham	7°C	7°C	9°C	11°C	10°C	Sittingbourne	7°C	7°C	9°C	11°C	10°C
Folkestone	7°C	7°C	8°C	8°C	9°C	Tonbridge	7°C	8°C	10°C	10°C	11°C
Gillingham	7°C	7°C	9°C	11°C	10°C	Tun Wells	7°C	8°C	10°C	10°C	11°C



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	3°C	Madrid	13°C
Athens	19°C	New York	5°C
Barcelona	16°C	Paris	5°C
Beijing	12°C	Rome	11°C
Bombay	32°C	Sydney	25°C
Cape Town	26°C	Tenerife	17°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	9°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	10°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	1°C
Las Palmas	18°C	Wellington	18°C

Kick off will raise cash for kids' cancer care

OFFICE workers have been urged to take part in a five-a-side football tournament to raise money for children suffering with cancer. Kings Hill recruitment company Pearson Whiffin wants businesses in the county town to sign up for the CLIC Sargent fundraising event. The tournament will take place at Cobdown sports and social club in Ditton on June 7 and will also include a charity auction and disco. A total of 48 teams are needed, each with seven players. The entry fee is £70 per team. Organisers say it will be a fun day out for the whole family, with an all-day BBQ with a hog roast, ice-creams, bouncy castle, kids' tent, along with children's entertainment. A beer tent will also be provided for adults. There are no age restrictions for players and entry to the ground is free for families and spectators. CLIC Sargent is the UK's leading children's cancer charity. It is the only organisation to offer patients all round care and support during and after treatment, in hospital and at home. For more information send an email to recruitment@pwrtd.co.uk by Monday.

Handmade business

A NEW family business has opened at Kings Hill selling handmade cards, glassware and a range of gifts. Owner Victoria Calcott has set up Kardz in Liberty Square. She said: "We want to offer things which are not readily available elsewhere and I have spent a great deal of time sourcing a good selection of unusual cards and gifts, many of which are handmade."



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QUESTION & ANSWER

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Q Can you tell us about Mooli?

A Mooli is myself and singer-songwriter Clea Llewellyn. We started working about four years ago after meeting on Maidstone High Street on the very first time I ever came to Maidstone. We got talking and the subject came round to what we did for a living. She had just quit her job that day and I told her that I am a songwriter. She said 'so am I, you have to hear my music'.

I suggested carrying on the conversation at Burger King, not knowing that she is a veggie. Anyway she put up with that and I heard her songs, and thought her voice sounded great.

At the time though I had lots of writing and co-writing to do for signed acts, as part of my publishing deal, and didn't have time to work on anything new for a while.

When the opportunity came to do so we got together and wrote a song called One Design that's on our album Concubine.

The way we work generally is I'll come up with some basic ideas, or the music, and we'll then get together and write the song.

Clea plays guitar and sings on all the songs, and I generally handle the rest of the instrumentation and production.

Q How did you come up with the name Mooli?

A We were having a brain-storming session one night and somehow the name Mooli popped into my head. The name Mooli means

a lot of different things. For instance, it's a form of white radish, which medicine men in India use to treat all kinds of ailments. It's also a Biblical name and I believe it's still a popular name in places like Israel.

Q How would you describe the style of music?

A I guess our sound goes pretty much across genres because we have influences from folk, soul, rock, reggae and electronica.

We've been compared to Massive Attack, Morcheeba, Portishead, Joni Mitchell, Dusty Springfield, you name it!

For me though, it doesn't matter what box people want to fit us into. At the end of the day, it's all about the songs and the singer.

Q Was the music industry something you always wanted to get into?

A When I was a child I wanted to become an actor and I even had acting lessons at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, but as soon as I discovered the Specials and got into bands like Depeche Mode, Human League and electro music, I became hooked on music and song writing, and wanted to do it for a living.

I got my first major recording contract with A&M and publishing deal with MCA/Universal back in 1990, so a long time ago.

I've seen many changes in the industry during that time, some for the better, some for the worse.

The good news is the internet has really

opened things up to bands without labels and those who have their own indie labels like us.

Q What tracks on the album are you most proud of?

A Underneath the Same Sun I wrote after hearing some terrible stories about injustice around the country.

People being killed for no reason, or just because of their religion, sexual preference, race. You know, it's hard to understand that stuff. So I poured out my frustrations in that song.

Easy, is another of my favourites. It's a really different sound as is One Design, Reasons, or Che Guevara. I could go on.

We set out to have only songs that we love on this record. So we are both proud of them all.

Q What has been your proudest moment to date?

A If we're talking on a professional level, probably being presented with a platinum disc for over a million sales in America would have to be right up there, plus being a songwriter on a number one selling album felt pretty cool.

But to be honest seeing Mooli on MTV and hearing our record on BBC Radio 2 felt like more of an achievement, because it was done totally independently without using pluggers, or promotions people and with absolutely no budget.

• To find out more about Mooli visit www.moolimusic.com.

The record producer and member of Maidstone band Mooli took the time to talk to **Lauren Mumford** about what attracted him to the music business, and what he hopes the two-piece band can achieve

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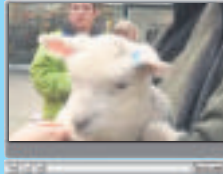
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Cheetah on the hunt in Kent countryside

BY NICK AMES

THE first cheetah to be allowed to run through the English countryside made its debut during the Easter weekend.

Nine-month-old Boumani – which means warrior in the language of its native Malawi – became the first big cat in the UK to demonstrate how these magnificent animals hunt in the wild.

The cheetah is the latest addition to the menagerie at Eagle Heights wild animal rescue centre just outside Eynsford on the North Downs.

The animal – native to the plains of Africa – is already attracting a following of fans, and wildlife experts hope he can be “an ambassador for his species”, raising awareness of the plight of these endangered animals.

Jonathan Ames has been training Boumani, who arrived in the UK from a zoo in Germany.

He said: “He came here six months ago and has been around people ever since. He is obviously not fully grown, but it is starting to develop muscles and speed.

“At the moment he is not as quick as he will be when an adult – cheetahs have been timed at being able to go from 0 to 70mph in just three seconds.

“Because of the quarantine laws this has been the first week we have allowed him to go outside – and he has really taken to the countryside.”

Boumani’s “best pal” since arriving in this country has been black Lakeland terrier dog Mr T, and they both continue to play together.

As they knock each other around the cheetah retracts his sharp claws as far as he can.

But outside it is a different story as the big cat – tethered to a harness and static line – hunts down his food via a pulley system which drags along rabbit carcasses at speed.

“We have tried to recreate the hunting situation as closely as possible,” said Jonathan. “So a winch system pulls along a dead rabbit and Boumani gives chase.

“This will be the way we will demonstrate to visitors how a cheetah chases – it is the only such display in the country and the next best thing to a



Pictures PAUL JERRARD



SPEED: Like all cats, Boumani likes to get his tummy tickled trip to Africa for those with an interest in wildlife.”

Visitors’ fees to Eagle Heights will also be contributing to cheetah charities which help to preserve the endangered species in its natural habitat.

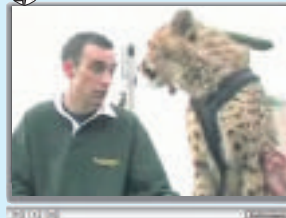
To see Boumani in action watch the video clip on www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Eagle Heights also has birds of prey, snakes and lizards, and its other new attraction is a porcupine from Africa, for visitors to marvel at.

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Watch Boumani the cheetah chase down its dinner

Have you fallen into a pothole?

HIGHWAYS bosses have urged the public to report any potholes they find to help them assess damaged caused to the county’s roads during winter.

Anyone who can help is asked to dial 08458 247 800 and report highway defects direct. Callers will then be given a call reference number, which will enable them to track their report.

The county’s repairs workforce of 56 highways staff fix about 40,000 potholes and damaged road edges each year.

But highways chiefs say they can’t be everywhere at once, and rely on the support of communities and residents to report potholes and other defects.

Kent Highway Services head of community operations Kim Hills said: “Here in Kent we have one of the largest road networks of any authority in the UK, with a high proportion of rural roads.

“Potholes can form quickly, particularly during the winter months when surface and ground water can be extensive.

“It is important the public inform us when they discover a pothole, so we can deal with it as effectively as possible.”

Minister will let you live longer

THE Government intends to raise life expectancy across Kent by 18 months.

Setting out a new health strategy, the Regional Minister for the South East, Jonathan Shaw, said addressing the inequalities between Kent’s districts would lead to a rise in life expectancy.

The strategy identifies that Kent is generally healthier than the rest of the country, but there are significant differences in life expectancy between districts.

Male life expectancy is lower and the early death rate due to cancer is higher in Thanet than in Canterbury, Dartford, Dover, Shepway and Swale.

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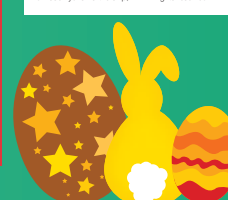
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C diff victim's relative backs our campaign



BY JENNA PUDELEK

THE son-in-law of one of the 90 patients who died during super-bug outbreaks at hospitals in west Kent has since been campaigning tirelessly for improved hygiene and infection control.

Florrie Field, described by her family as a "very fit and active" 86-year-old, died from Clostridium difficile at Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells after she contracted the highly infectious diarrhoea bug in May 2006.

Tony Charlton wrote a number of letters to Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust's management and the local press, which anticipated many of the findings of the Healthcare Commission's damning report published last October.

Delighted

This week he welcomed KOS Media's campaign to involve the whole of Kent in improving hygiene and infection control in healthcare centres and hospitals, and at home and places of work across the county.

"I was delighted to see the campaign in the Your midweek newspapers. At last I am optimistic on the hospital front and there have



AWARENESS: Tony Charlton, with wife Brenda, campaigning to support the hospital clean-up in a bid to prevent spread of infections like C diff, which killed 86-year-old Florrie Field (right)

been tremendous strides there [at the trust]. "I have always said that the staff want to do the right thing, but needed the support and encouragement of management.

"There is obviously a long way to go to defeat these awful diseases, but the will is clearly now there.

"Now is the time to minimise these infections, because it isn't just a problem in hospitals.

"These infections are everywhere - they are just bound to hit the vulnerable in hospitals," he said.

Mr Charlton has been in regular contact with the Health Secretary Alan Johnson, who last week lent his backing to KOS Media's campaign, since meeting him at Maidstone Hospital in the wake of the health watchdog's report.

He said Mr Johnson's letters have always been open and frank, and that he has shown



a determination to beat the bugs not seen in his predecessors.

Mr Charlton, who lives in East Sussex with his wife Brenda, said the one thing he was concerned about was the prevalence of alcohol hand gel in hospitals.

While alcohol kills MRSA only soap and water removes C diff spores.

He believed the prominence of the gel lulled people into a false sense of security about hand hygiene.

"What will work is good general hygiene - frequent hand washing with soap and water, clean clothes and avoiding visiting a hospital patient if you feel under the weather yourself," he added.



THUMBS UP: New 512-bed Pembury Hospital

Final approval up for £227m new hospital

THE Government has finally given the go-ahead to a £227 million Private Finance Initiative hospital planned for west Kent.

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust is celebrating after the Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson gave final approval for the scheme in the House of Commons on Tuesday last week.

Mr Johnson was responding to a question from Tunbridge Wells' Conservative MP Greg Clark, who has been campaigning and lobbying Government over the need for the new hospital since he was elected in 2005.

World-class

Glenn Douglas, the trust's chief executive, said: "Pembury Hospital will set a new standard in NHS care.

"Local people have waited a long time for this fantastic news and we look forward to the day when the doors of this world-class building open in three years' time."

The 512-bed PFI hospital will be the first NHS acute hospital in the country to have all inpatient single rooms with en-suite facilities.

Mr Douglas was happy to announce that work was expected to start within weeks.

The state-of-the-art hospital will be seven storeys high and provide a full range of services, including planned and emergency surgery, orthopaedics, a woman and children's centre and day case theatres and outpatient services, the trust said.

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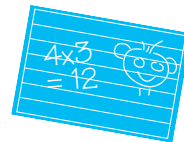
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Green children fly flag for the environment



GREEN FINGERS: School children are thrilled with the achievement of their green flag in recognition of their efforts

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

A PRIMARY school has received the highest award achievable in recognition of its commitment to improving the environment.

Children and staff at Hunton Church of England Primary School were presented with the Eco-Schools Green Flag after showing environmental understanding through initiatives such as their gardening club, wildlife area and eco-committee.

The primary joined the Eco-Schools programme, a government initiative that challenges schools to drive forward sustainable practises and principles in everyday school life, in April 2004 – soon gaining its bronze award in May 2005.

Headteacher Susan Wood said: "Environmental issues such as sustainability and the conservation of energy are high on everyone's agenda."

"The children of Hunton Primary have come to appreciate through their work towards the Green Flag Award, that they can make a positive contribution."

The school's gardening club The Rocket Roots work hard to keep the grounds tidy and grow a range of organic vegetables.

The grounds have been developed to include a pond and wildlife area with bird,

bat and bug boxes, and pupils have planted a lavender maze.

The school composts garden waste, fruit and vegetables. It also recycles mobile phones, paper, toners and ink cartridges, as well as recording how much energy it uses.

In addition to gaining the green flag award, the primary is one of the first to receive a Red Clean Kent School Flag for being litter-free and has achieved healthy schools status.

The primary has also gained a platinum award for encouraging pupils to walk, and promotes car sharing to reduce the environmental impact of the journey pupils and staff take to get to and from school.

Kent County Council cabinet member for the environment Keith Ferrin said: "It is important this generation is eco-aware. It will not only influence their lives but we hope will inspire their parents too."

As well as doing their bit for the environment, the primary has made links with a school in Malawi as part of the Starfish Malawi project, where support is offered to children who are less fortunate by sending them items of school uniform. Hunton primary has been responsible for raising money for the school in Malawi to be built and providing it with a running water supply.

Only 26 schools in Kent currently have a green eco-schools flag and more than 50 per cent of Kent schools are registered as Eco-Schools.

BREAK TIME



Students develop international links

MORE than 100 secondary school students with English as a second language came together as part of the first International Student Network meeting.

The event gave youngsters the chance to share experiences, have their say on issues and find out what's happening in their local area through presentations and workshops.

Kent County Council cabinet member for education Chris Wells said: "We had an overwhelming response, demonstrating the need for such a forum. We appreciate life could be quite isolating and this group gave them an opportunity to share experiences and learn how to engage in activities in and outside school."

Author goes back to school with new book

AN AUTHOR will visit a school to promote the importance of literacy and discuss his latest book.

Year 5 and 6 pupils at Archbishop Courtenay Primary School will get the chance to quiz local author Richard Hollingworth and learn about the art of writing.

The author, from Gillingham, will talk to the children this afternoon about how he wrote his latest book "The Badge of Barlok" and will take part in interactive exercises with the pupils.

Mr Hollingworth will also sign copies of his book for the students.

The event was organised by the school in College Road, in conjunction with Waterstones in Fremlin Walk, after Mr Hollingworth contacted the store about his new book.

A spokesman for Waterstones said: "This is a really exciting event – it breaks up the school day for the children and gives them a great opportunity to meet someone who has written a book."

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Bottled water won't wash away your carbon footprint

THINGS are changing for bottled water suppliers after a public relations disaster that hasn't been matched since Coca Cola's attempt to launch Dasani in this country.

Surely you remember: 2004 the company took water straight out of the tap, treated it and then accidentally made it an alleged cancer risk. Oops.

Millions of bottles had to be recalled and the giant corporation eventually dropped the name (though it's still the second most popular bottled water in the US, where it is just as tasteless but produced differently).

Oops. We've all forgotten that now, haven't we? But now the bottled water industry is about to go into meltdown.

In these green and pleasant times we have suddenly realised there is a huge 'carbon footprint' issue associated with what should be the purest product on the supermarket shelves.

In London, Mayor 'Save the planet, screw the motorist' Livingstone is running a campaign to ensure all restaurants offer tap water alongside over-priced sparkling or still water.

It's really green he says – not the water, the idea of drinking tap not bottled.

Transporting heavy bottled water by roads costs zillions of pounds a year in fuel and obviously causes tons of nasty pollution.

On top of that, the bottles, especially when plastic, cause pollution during manufacturing and then for all of us lazy non-recyclers, spend the next 1,000 years decomposing in a landfill.

But bottled water has massive support. With practically every woman believing that drinking two litres of water a day is good for you, because it flushes out toxins, improves your skin, and well fundamentally make you a healthier person, the bottled water folks have been raking in the cash for the past decade.

Scientifically there is no evidence to support that you need to drink so much. Our bodies are perfectly able to extract enough water from food to meet our daily requirements anyway.

When bottled water first went on sale in the early 1980s everyone thought it was a joke – bubbly Perrier was something for those funny Frenchies and we all knew you didn't drink the tap water in foreign countries.

Around that time there was a lot of sugges-

tion our tap water was a bit mucky. A coincidence, or a clever bit of PR by bottled water companies and people trying to sell filters.

The good part was the water suppliers cleaned up their act and now our water is genuinely pure, safe and something to celebrate. Anyway none of that matters.

What we need to do now is save the planet. So, stop buying bottled water, just turn on your tap. It's the easy way to reduce your carbon footprint.

Except in Kent of course. And here's the rub.

We in Kent don't have enough water. The sun shines for three days and we have a hosepipe ban, while the rest of the country laughs at us.

So, what will happen if instead of buying bottled water at the supermarket and lugging it back home we all start drinking tap water?

We'll have even more water shortages, that's what. This carbon footprint issue is never easy...

Next time, why producing concrete for a wind turbine foundation causes more pollution than the turbine will save in its lifetime.

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THE 2008 Hard Rock Calling concerts in Hyde Park, London June 28 and 29 which are presented by Hard Rock International have announced this year's headline artists.

Returning to Hyde Park over a decade after his last headlining performance, the legendary Eric Clapton will headline (Saturday, June 28), and will be joined by special guests Sheryl Crow and John Mayer, with more acts to be announced shortly.

The Police, following their hugely successful world tour, are to headline on Sunday, June 29 with special guests KT Tunstall and Starsailor, again with more acts to be added to the bill.

Eric Clapton's career has endured for more than 40 years, resulting in 18 Grammy Awards and he has earned the distinct honour of being the only triple inductee into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Considered one of the world's finest guitarists, Clapton was a member of such seminal rock bands as Cream and Blind Faith as well as being highly recognised for his solo work. His recently released autobiography quickly became one of the best-selling rock memoirs of all time.

Over the course of her career, Sheryl Crow has collaborated with everyone from The Rolling Stones to Kid Rock to Willie Nelson. She has won countless awards (including nine Grammy Awards) and she has sold over 10 million albums worldwide. Sheryl continues writing new music and her latest album Detours (which is also her sixth studio record) came out on February 18. Detours is lyrically the most politically and personally outspoken record of her career, addressing the current state of the world from different perspectives as well as some of the personal challenges she's faced over the last few years.

During their time together The Police (Sting, Stewart Copeland and Andy Summers) had five

WIN tickets to Hard Rock Calling weekend

number one albums, a succession of top 10 singles, received six Grammy Awards and two Brits. The band reformed last year, playing their first live performances in the UK since 1983, to widespread critical acclaim. These sold out UK dates were part of The Police world tour.

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TALK TIME

ANNA HILGEMAN

The 31-year-old community fundraiser explains why she loves working for a charitable organisation



Can you tell us who you work for and what attracted you to the job?

I started working for Macmillan Cancer Support three weeks ago and I basically approach groups, businesses and organisations to discuss possible fundraising events. I used to work in the travel industry in London, but this was very much focused on sales and meeting targets, so I was drawn to Macmillan because I would be working for a worthwhile charity which is close to my heart and meeting people on a personal level.

When I ring businesses or organisations I have found people don't mind speaking to me. I have always been greeted very positively by everyone because people are interested in the charity and want to help such a good cause.

What's the best thing about your job?

We get to meet the people who have helped raise money in their own spare time, hold cheque presentations and give talks at schools.

We also get to be quite creative because we come up with our own fundraising ideas - we're allowed to be free.

What I like best is meeting the people who help raise money for us, it's an awesome feeling, it's what makes the job so special.

Do you live in Maidstone?

Yes, I live with my boyfriend in Larkfield. He has grown up in Maidstone and has always lived here. I love it here, there's always so much going on. There are lots of shops, lots of things to do. But my favourite thing about where I live is the gym at Larkfield leisure centre.

YOUR LETTERS

Still in support of nuclear power

Steve Dawe knows the government target is 30 million kw of wind generators spread around the country. I calculated its December 2 best output would have been 1.5 million kw. On December 30, at load time, it was 0.1 million kw with a fortnight when it was above 1.5 million kw. Has he done the sums, yes Mr while-winded French

Sea could solve our power problems

How I agree with Bill Hyde in support of nuclear power to generate enough energy to keep the lights on.

Even I as a layman know that the wind in winter is never reliable enough to supply our needs.

I too cannot understand why we do not make better use of hydroelectric power, as we have many suitable areas of the country that could be used with much less visual impact than wind farms.

Regarding the whole global warming issue, I think that it will all be a huge scare with no scientific basis and go the same way as the hole in the ozone layer and before that acid rain, of which now we hear nothing.

Perhaps if the warming and cooling cycles are not natural, would someone explain why we had a ice age and why it warmed up again.

My radical solution to save the planet would be to develop a virus that eradicated all human



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life, that way the problem would be gone.

It's all nonsense, it's just a way of making money out of us and

give us sleepless nights.

I Smith
Maidstone
By email

Tackle pollution but keep cars moving

I was not surprised to read your article in last week's paper about Maidstone having an air pollution problem.

It seems that every day there are more cars on our roads clogging the air with exhaust fumes.

Getting in and out of the town centre in the morning and evenings is a nightmare, so it's hardly surprising this is polluting our breathing space.

But what's the solution? Public transport does not offer the same convenience and speed, and until it does people will always use their cars.

Your article said the council is looking at pedestrianising more areas of the town centre, but surely this will just move the problem on to neighbouring roads.

I would welcome 50mph speed limits being brought in on the M20 as it passes Maidstone, as this has to be where a lot of the pollution comes from.

But I fear this could cause traffic build-ups, which is hardly good for the environment.

We have seen in recent weeks what Operation Stack does to our roads, so the council will have to make sure it finds ways of keeping the traffic moving while cutting down on the pollution.

Ben Matthews
Maidstone
By email

How to keep the air much cleaner

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What with the congestion in the town centre, roadworks, traffic lights and the never-ending Operation Stack, it is completely impossible to get anywhere.

So there are literally thousands of vehicles idling while their exhausts belt out toxic fumes.

They are in the town itself, along the A20 and the M20, and up and down all the approach roads, just adding to the pollution.

Make traffic move and you'll clear the air. It's as simple as that.

Ryan Hedges
Maidstone
By email

Clean NHS doctors deserve our respect

I was pleased to see that Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson is supporting your campaign for better hospital hygiene – although for him it's a bit of a no-brainer surely?

The campaign asks us to challenge medical staff if we don't think they have washed their hands.

This is great in principle, for as you pointed out in the campaign, hospital hygiene is something we should tackle together.

But in an age of constant challenges to authority, I am sure our over-worked, over-criticised doctors do not need to be told what to do by unqualified members of the public.

Perhaps even us cynics might conclude that a job which requires more than seven years' training, has long hours and a huge burden of responsibility, is likely to be done only by hard-working, dedicated individuals.

Of course we should watch our hygiene before entering hospitals, but I say we should think twice before challenging our doctors.

Doctors and nurses should be held to the highest standards; perhaps we should know a little more about them before we start assuming they are not already.

Lorna Clark
West Malling
By email

Marathon runners, help us if you can

HEART UK is delighted to have been chosen as one of the two official charities for the Flora London Marathon 2008.

As a relatively small national charity we have a massive challenge: to raise awareness about the dangers of raised cholesterol, especially inherited high cholesterol (IHC), and save young lives.

IHC affects one person in every 100 in the UK today but, being a silent condition, fewer than 15 per cent of cases are diagnosed in time, leaving more than 500,000 people at risk of early cardiovascular disease which can cause heart attack, stroke and premature death.

IHC can kill fit young people in their 20s, 30s and 40s, suddenly and without warning.

In order to maximise our presence on the marathon course – and so increase vital awareness about IHC – HEART UK invites any runner with their own place in the Flora London Marathon on Sunday, April 13, to join our Teamredlaced and enjoy all the benefits of running in an exciting, supportive team.

We would love you to wear our Teamredlaced vest and redlaced, raise some funds through www.justgiving.co.uk and help us to paint the town red!

Call us on our Teamredlaced Hotline: 0845 873 9597 or email info@teamredlaced.org.uk for more information.

We all have a fantastic opportunity to keep young hearts running – please help us if you can.

Carole Gryglaszewska
HEART UK

Beat the banana for Fruity Friday fun

I am writing to let your readers know that this year's Fruity Friday will be held on May 16 and to urge them to get involved.

The aim of Fruity Friday is to raise awareness about the link between lifestyle and cancer risk, and to raise funds for our vital research and education programmes.

But as well as being a really worthwhile cause, Fruity Friday is also lots of fun.

Whether you want to organise your own 'Beat the Banana!' fun run or hold a 'guess how many berries' competition, there are lots of ways you can get take part.

For children in particular, Fruity Friday is a great way of learning about healthy eating and physical activity.

You can get find out more about the event and get a fundraising pack by phoning 020 7343 4205 or by visiting www.fruityfriday.org

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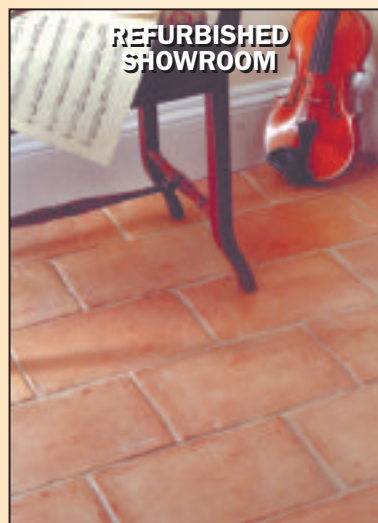
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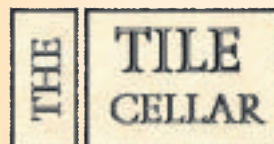
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By Dickens! What an interesting life

Robert Powell shares an insight into famous author at The Trinity Theatre

ROBERT POWELL: A VICTORIAN CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 29
Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

ONE of Britain's most respected actors will be celebrating another national treasure at The Trinity Theatre this weekend.

Robert Powell: A Victorian Celebration sees the acclaimed performer exploring the life and work of Charles Dickens, the creator of some of literature's most enduring characters. Through Dickens' letters and writings, along with those of his friends and contemporaries, Powell shines a light on the writer's fascinating life.

Recreating some of the most memorable scenes ever written, from the romantic to the macabre, the play is a funny and moving experience.

Dickens was born in Portsmouth in 1812, where his father worked as a clerk at the Royal Dockyard. The family moved to London and then Kent with his childhood in Chatham and Rochester inspiring much of his later work.

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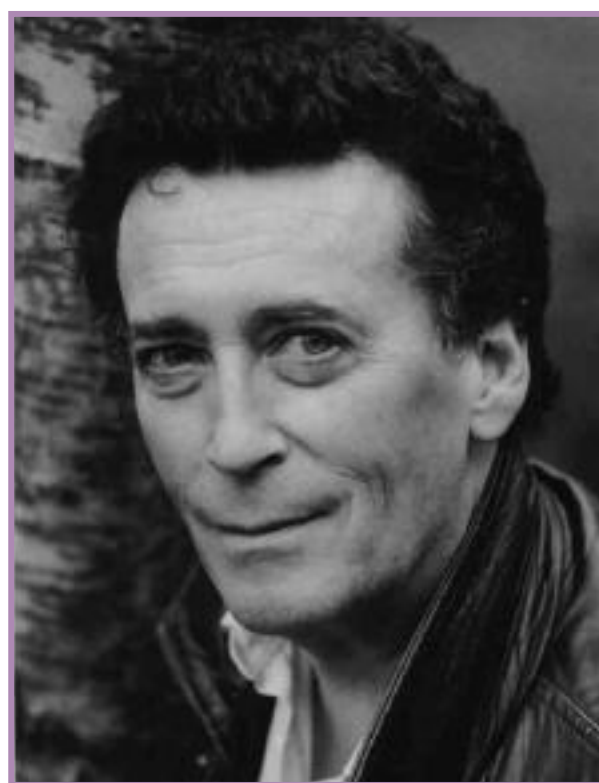
The lively and talented mimic was determined to build on his modest education, which ended at the age of 15, to eventually become a newspaper reporter. Dickens became a household name when his stories were published in instalments in newspapers and by the time he died in 1870, he had completed 14 novels.

Salford-born Robert Powell, 63, took up acting as an undergraduate at Manchester University. One of his earliest parts was as a driver in the original version of *The Italian Job*, but it was his role as scientist Toby Wren in the 1970 BBC series *Doomwatch* that was to make him a pin-up.

Powell followed this success with regular television roles and occasional film appearances, such as Mahler in 1974 and Ken Russell's *Tommy* the following year.

Perhaps the most iconic moment came with his BAFTA-nominated portrayal of Christ in the series *Jesus of Nazareth*. The cast also featured Sir Laurence Olivier, Christopher Plummer, Rod Steiger and James Mason, and Powell picked up the TV Times Best Actor award for his performance.

His leading role as Richard Hannay in the 1978 version of *The Thirty-Nine Steps* led to him reprising the part almost 10 years later in the TV series *Hannay*. Over the years he has won Best Actor awards at the Paris



and Venice Film Festivals and continued to enjoy a successful career in film, television and on the stage.

His distinctive voice has always been in demand for advertising campaigns, audio books and musical works. Earlier this year he acted as the Narrator in Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*.

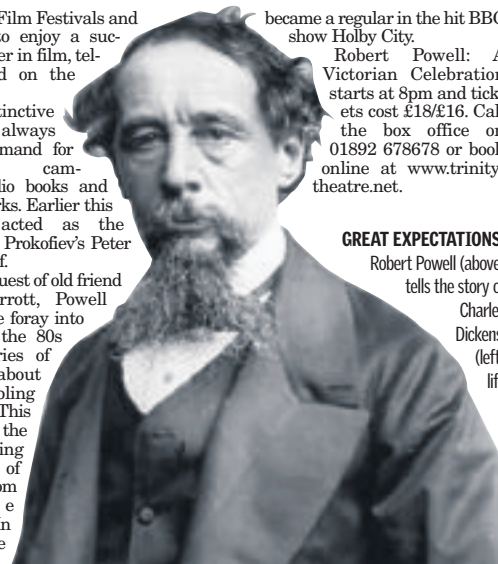
At the request of old friend Jasper Carrott, Powell made a rare foray into comedy in the 80s with a series of sketches about two bumbling policemen. This resulted in the pair filming five series of spin-off sitcom *The Detectives*. In 2005 he

became a regular in the hit BBC show *Holly City*.

Robert Powell: A Victorian Celebration starts at 8pm and tickets cost £18/£16. Call the box office on 01892 678678 or book online at www.trinitytheatre.net.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS:

Robert Powell (above) tells the story of Charles Dickens' (left) life



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Friday, April 4
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SPRINGTIDE CAVALRY

Wednesday, April 2
Zebra Bar, Maidstone

LOCAL heroes Springtide Cavalry will be performing their blend of melodic rock at Sounds@Zebra next week.

Hailing from the Folkestone and Canterbury area, the band was originally formed by friends Kevin Iverson and Chris Weeks. Kevin had enjoyed solo stints culminating in support slots for Paul Weller and Ocean Colour Scene, while Chris performed with various local outfits.

The Brit pop/mod feel gradually evolved into more edgy rock and then developed a more punky edge. With new drummer Andy Hucksted firmly established in the band, Springtide Cavalry's sound is now described as somewhere between indie, rock and pop.



They are just as happy playing slow grooves as blasting the crowd with hard rock.

Having played all over the country, from mod rallies to rock festivals, this is a band that is in demand and on the up.

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Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

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Race to the community centre for latest play

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These are all included on the à la carte menu, which is served in the oak-beamed candlelit restaurant.

The Gun and Spitroast is that rarity – a quintessentially English country pub with roaring log fires in winter and a fragrant patio rose garden for the summer.

It truly is an eatery for all seasons.

Princess Anne was once a guest at the dining venue, which has been in business for five years. Jeremy Springett described the pub as being: "In a lovely and friendly village.



"Choice of menu is priority at the pub with ambience, staff and service, location and value for money all important as well."

"Whatever you do – do it well."

He added: "Old English charm, roaring log fires in an oak-beamed restaurant is what we offer."

"Our chef uses local ingredients and is always looking for old English recipes such as lovage soup and ham hocks in a mustard sauce."

The pub is open from 11.30am to 11pm Monday to Saturday and on Sunday from 12 noon to 10.30pm.

Hare's a worldly treat

■ The Hare and Hounds

THE Hare and Hounds in Bidborough near Tunbridge Wells has been running since 1870, but has recently been taken over.

A new and vastly more varied menu was the first priority for new landlord Roger Poulson.

Roger took over the Hare and Hounds three-and-a-half months ago. Since the takeover he has improved the standards throughout the whole business – especially on the food side, with the menu changing every week.

Once a month the pub does worldwide cuisine, with the menu for a whole week having international food on it, such as kangaroo or crocodile steaks and Babuti,

a South African-style curry.

Most of the food for the Hare and Hounds is sourced locally and all freshly prepared daily.

The Sunday roast is the most popular meal of the week and offers great value for £9.95 with a choice of four meats.

The official relaunch of the pub took place earlier this month and saw 250 people in attendance.

Many were locals, but others came from London to sample the atmosphere and décor.

Meanwhile locals have been pleased to see how the pub has been taken back to being part of the village, with a separate dining and drinking area to cater for those who want a proper meal or just a drink.



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Omar says there is one very special dish on his menu.

He explained: "Our famous hot sizzling Fajitas is a real favourite, this dish can be served using fresh strips of grilled chicken, steak, duck, vegetables or prawns, accompanied by a pan-fried BBQ sauce,



served on a hot skillet, with warm tortillas, and Mexican salad and dips.

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Michael admits his chefs can be somewhat temperamental.

"We have three chefs, from China, Hong Kong and Malaysia," he said. "Together they have 80 years of kitchen experience and an immense knowledge of Oriental cuisine."

"But they don't always agree on the best way



to cook a dish. They are forever complaining with each other – but they never swear in front of me."

One of the other attractions of the Kala Red is its famous "Fire Water" drink – attempted by adventurous diners.

Michael said: "We offer the best Oriental cuisine there is – we are the one and only truly Oriental bar in Kent."

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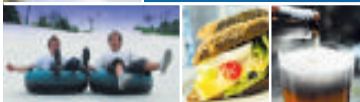
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Miss Selfridge has all the new season's looks

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All books nominated for its 'Author of the Year' competition have had their prices cut by up to £3.60 to celebrate the event at the Fremlin Walk store.

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Mysterious songwriter shares acoustic sounds

BY GARETH ARNOLD

DARK and eclectic singer songwriter Lupen Crook is featured on this week's Ether playing two acoustic tracks.

The Ether is the exclusive online showcase for the top local talent on our free, broadband TV site, www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

The idiosyncratic songwriter, who cultivates an air of mystery around his life and work, signed to Chatham-based record label Tap'n' Tin Records in 2005, the label which grew out of the popular Medway night-spot.

It released his latest album, *Iscariot The Ladder*, which prompted a great deal of interest in the music press. And it marks a significant departure from previous solo work.

Appearing as Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds, Crook's band add distorted guitar and rock drums to the mix on an album which, despite its obvious progression, has still garnered a great deal of praise.

And with a forthcoming mini-tour of New York booked for April, Crook is set to test how America will take his twisted, idiosyncratic approach to music.

The tunes combine folk and ska, and skiffle, as well as raucous gipsy folk and whiskey-soaked rockabilly, and often display huge dynamics reminiscent of The Pixies.

A Medway boy himself, Lupen Crook has long been a feature on the Kent music scene, playing in several local bands which gained moderate success.

Exploring grunge and rock psychedelia in Pet Burger and Bonsai Reservoir respectively, Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds are a very



IDIOSYNCRATIC SONGWRITER: Lupen Crook is about to embark on a New York tour plus a date in Canterbury

different proposition to Crook's previous work.

Often described as haunting, the songs can also be almost disturbingly intense. Crook's lyrics and themes are more often than not a morbid examination of life's darker details.

This fascination with the macabre has prompted tongue-in-cheek comparisons with Edgar Allen Poe, including the suggestion that hearing the band was like listening to Edgar Allen Poe fronting The Cramps.

Crook has admitted that this influence

comes from growing up in the mixed and sometimes violent crucible of the Medway towns, with its chequered history and varied literary connections.

Before they head to New York, Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds have a few dates in London, as well as a slot at the Lounge On The Farm Festival near Canterbury.

For more information about the band, visit www.myspace.com/lupencrook and watch the interview with Crook at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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■ BY TOM BETTS

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CRIMINALLY under-watched, insanely addictive and probably the funniest show on television right now is Larry David's Curb Your Enthusiasm.

Operating on the premise that seems to apply to my own life (that if something can go wrong then it probably will) our offensive, but lovable protagonist, lurches from one minor disaster to another each week, upsetting or confusing anyone he meets in the process.

No one in Los Angeles is safe. Family friends, doctors, lawyers, maître des and more often than not his own wife, Cheryl, all suffer at the hands of the hapless David, whose inability to keep his mouth shut at the crucial moment lands him in strife time and time again.

This is not easy watching. While the semi-autobiographical results are always hilarious they can also be embarrassing as hell.

If David Brent's famous dance in The Office made you watch from behind fingers over your eyes, then David's scrapes will make you want to re-occupy the womb.

But don't let that put you off. Hidden away on More 4, the show is 25 minutes of near perfection that is well worth seeking out. It's anyone's guess why this not been given a terrestrial run.

Showing that the Americans can also do comedy for the younger audience is another offering from Stateside, The Big Bang Theory.

Channel Four has long struggled to fill the family comedy shaped hole



ENTHUSIAST: Larry David, comedy gold

left by Friends, but with TBBT they may finally have nailed it.

This is a smart, snappily written little number ideal for whiling half an hour of your Thursday night.

The main thrust: A bunch of geeks trying to woo a teenage temptress who is way out of their league hardly pulls up any trees, but some of the characters here show real promise.

In particular, the supporting cast come into their own.

Sporting the worst haircut since Javier Bardem in No Country For Old Men is Simon Helberg as Hayley Woolowitz, the lovable, nine-language speaking supernerd who raises genuine belly laughs.

It's not quite there yet, but with a little time to flourish, this could cause a much bigger bang than expected.

If this one truly takes off expect Channel Four, in their infinite wisdom, to wield the stick of schedule change and hide this away on Freeview at a time we should all really be in bed.

See you at midnight.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



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MORE money is heading your way, which is a welcome relief. Taking a stance against an immoral policy or person will put you in the path of romance. Nothing is more inspiring and confidence building than someone who is willing to stand up for their beliefs.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

NORMALLY, you're ultra practical, but this week you've got your sights set starward. Fortunately, it looks like you have a lot of supportive people to help you along the way. A generous authority figure could help you get a job interview or bring your work before the public.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE about to undergo a powerful transformation. An old relationship could fall away, making room for new friends and associates. Life is like that, sometimes. The good thing about having more space in your life is that it will enable you to get closer to remaining friends.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

IF you're in the mood to gamble, Lady Luck is on your side. The best part of it is you won't have to risk much in order to yield handsome profits. Of course, this could all change if you insist on raising the stakes. News regarding a pregnancy or marriage comes as music to your ears.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR star power is undeniable. Do your best to get all the perks you can, as you'll be cycling into another phase next week. If you opt for a makeover and a change of style you should remember your natural beauty is most evident when you are spending time on the things you love.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

THE spotlight will be firmly trained on you this week. If you've ever thought about pursuing a career in the arts, this is the time to do it. Any work related to film, music, photography or the media in general will be good for you. Best of all, your fame could attract amorous attention.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

PUTTING your interests aside for the sake of someone else is probably the best move this week. Right now, a business or romantic partner needs you to relieve them of chores, listen to their fears and provide guidance. You may even be called upon to force this person away from work.

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IN the market for a new home? Step up your search this week. Approach a family member for a loan if you need one. Adding a lover, baby, or roommate to your household is a possibility. You'll feel an affinity for this new person. Going out won't be as important as it once was.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

LATELY, you've been so busy you haven't had time to think. Withdrawing from the crowd helps you to know your own heart better. The next time you have the urge to do something, don't ask friends for confirmation. A secret love affair affords a great deal of pleasure.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

OPPORTUNITIES for personal expansion are all around you now. The stars are beaming rays of support your way so if you're engaged in an official tussle, push to wrap it up before the week is over. If you have been considering adding to your skills then now is the time to do it.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'RE being offered a wonderful opportunity to finish outstanding tasks. You'll feel so much better once you get these jobs out of the way. This is also a good time to attend to household chores. If you need help call on a sympathetic family member. They'll be happy to pitch in.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS could turn out to be one of the busiest weeks of the entire year. The phone won't stop ringing and your in-box will fill up pretty fast. It will take every ounce of strength to keep up with all of your work. Although you're sure to be tired, it is nice to know you are needed.

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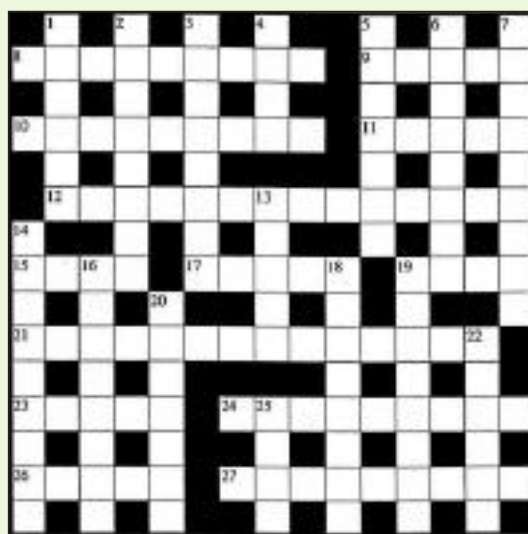
ACROSS

- 8 Star we're looking forward to seeing (9)
9 Some push erratically past escort (5)
10 Had learnt about central part of area (9)
11 Some British industrialists are Indian (5)
12 What non-batting side are doing beginning the campaign (6,3,5)
15 Film I left could touch people's feelings (4)
17 Strip for the king perhaps (5)
19 Pretty rough section for beginner (4)
21 Traditional place of worship in the east (8,6)
23 Let everyone approach town centre (5)
24 Indignant squadron-leader joined forces (7,2)
26 Lily had plenty going round university (5)
27 How one might have got into a sweat over something? (9)

DOWN

- 1 Take the plunge, the way to disrobe! (6)
2 Many a champion endlessly eager to become North American Indian (8)
3 Flying boat? (8)
4 Mum's getting in some beef perhaps (4)
5 Force someone to leave, set sail in small boat (4,3)
6 Court risk on railway (8)
7 Beast having its day on February 2nd in North America (9)
13 Message from Terry before ten, say (5)
14 I'm by piece of furniture that's fixed (9)
16 Liveliness displayed by five with sex-appeal from Italy maybe (8)
18 No more hears extra part to practise (8)
19 Handed over and went to bed (6,2)
20 Show hag removing refuse (7)
22 Where in Provence in ramshackle shed was given shelter (6)
25 United drew (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Matching (9)
9 Waver (5)
10 Fiddler (9)
11 Idiot (5)
12 Tediously long time (5,2,7)
15 Ribbon (4)
17 Wither (3,2)
19 Fever (4)
21 Deciding beforehand (14)
23 Send money (5)
24 Deception (9)
26 Reception-room (5)
27 Relatives (anag.) (9)

DOWN

- 1 Writhe (6)
2 Speech (8)
3 Wined (8)
4 Burden (4)
5 Ringing (7)
6 Degree of projection (8)
7 Joker (9)
13 Entrance hall (5)
14 Late news (4-5)
16 Introduction (8)
18 Sovereign's daughter (8)
19 Estrange (8)
20 Thawing (7)
22 Babble (6)
25 Cad (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No28

EASY

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MEDIUM

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HARD

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CRYPTIC SOLUTION No28

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10 Sometime 11 Under control 13 Plain
14 Defeatist 17 Agony aunt 19 Prole
21 At a later date 24 Herbaria 25 Treble
26 Escape 27 Abrasive. DOWN: 2 Roan
3 Seclusion 4 Brandy 5 Reserve 6
Composer 7 Petit 8 Common salt 12
Flightless 15 Terseless 16 Parterre 18
Nirvana 20 Latter 22 Libra 23 Slav.

QUICK SOLUTION No29

25 Heel.
Princes 19 Alleviate 20 Melting 22 Gurgler
13 Foyer 14 Stop-press 16 Preamble 18
4 Onus 5 Climbing 6 Overhang 7 Prankster
DOWN: 1 Squirm 2 Perchance 3 Finished
Runt 24 Chicane 21 Predetermining 23
17 Dry up 19 Aubrey 21 Predetermining 23
11 Moron 12 Month of Sundays 15 Tape
ACROSS: 8 Equaling 9 Hover 10 Violinist

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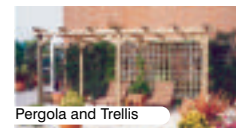


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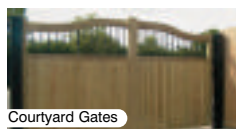


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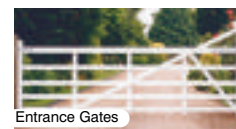


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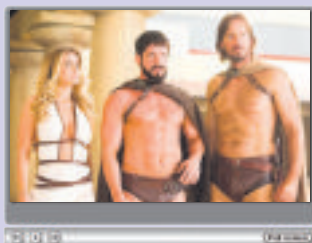
From the best-selling series of books comes The Spiderwick Chronicles. Peculiar things start to happen the moment the Grace family leave New York and move into the secluded old house owned by their great, great uncle Arthur Spiderwick. After a bit of exploring the fantastic truth of the Spiderwick estate is revealed.

LARS AND THE REAL GIRL (12A)



Lars is a shy young man in a small town who finally brings home the girl of his dreams to his brother and sister-in-law. The only problem is that she's not real – she's a blow-up doll. But sex is not what Lars has in mind, but a deep, meaningful relationship. His brother thinks he's nuts, but soon the entire town goes along with his delusions.

MEET THE SPARTANS (12A)



After successfully skewering Hollywood's scariest movie (as two of the writers on Scary Movie), romantic comedy franchises (Date Movie) and Hollywood blockbusters (Epic Movie), writers/directors/producers Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer now set their sights on 300. The heroic Leonidas, leads a ragtag group of 13 Spartans to defend their homeland against the invading Persians.

Why DiCaprio has gone green

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

YOU'RE a Hollywood heart-throb with the world at your feet, a model on your arm and Oscar nominations in your bag. So what on Earth do you have to be worried about? Well, the Earth actually.

Titanic star Leonardo DiCaprio is turning his attention to ice that melts and insists this is not about jumping on any trendy bandwagon.

"This documentary is something that I have been trying to do for many years," he says. "Ever since I started environmental work, I've wanted to do a documentary that really encompasses every major environmental issue in the world and speaks to all the greatest experts."

And The 11th Hour certainly goes some way to achieving that, talking to scientist Stephen Hawking and former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, as it explores man's impact on the planet, and more importantly, what we can do to change it.

Going green – changing, not only the way we live, but what we buy and how we entertain ourselves – has been of increasing concern to Leo, one of the documentary's producers, as well as its narrator.

"I was tired of watching news programmes and listening to environmentalists or scientists that have devoted their lives to an issue like global warming, having to sit there and get wrangled into some sort of argument about whether this is really happening or not," says the 33-year-old star.

"We wanted to make a homemade movie where we got the greatest minds possible all speaking uninterrupted without any corporate backing or studio involvement from the onset."

Documentary film in Hollywood is on the rise, with the success of Michael Moore films like Fahrenheit 911 and Sicko, and of course that of former president hopeful Al Gore, whose film

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An Inconvenient Truth hit the headlines two years ago – and had a profound impact on the already environmentally conscious Leo.

"There is tremendous capability in the world of documentary. If it weren't for An Inconvenient Truth and him having put the science of global warming and its impact on a global scale, a movie like this wouldn't be possible," he admits.

"This film has a broader spectrum in the sense that we talk about personal responsibility, and about the role of governments and corporations along with solutions as well. It really highlights the fact that we have solutions out there today that can reduce the human footprint by 90 per cent."

Leo confesses he became concerned about the world around him at a young age.



ECO-FRIENDLY: Leo DiCaprio, documentary producer

"I had a deep respect for nature, and I was a little biologist when I was younger," he says, smiling.

Nowadays he drives a hybrid car, has solar panels on his house, uses filtered water and buys organic produce. "I built my house green but that isn't necessarily feasible for everyone out there," he concedes.

His passion for the environment is obviously a big part of his life, but Leo insists he won't be joining Arnold Schwarzenegger in turning to politics: "I have no political aspirations whatsoever." However, he realises it's his star appeal which will entice people into cinemas to see a low budget movie about global warming.



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THE GENTLE LADY
Outgoing female with GSOH, 36, enjoys many things - going out, staying in, seeking a nice guy, enjoys gym for love and laughter. Box 437913

TRUST MATTERS
Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771

WOMEN'S SPOTLIGHT

BRING IT ON
Down-to-earth, bubbly, lively female, 22, brown hair/eyes, 5'4", loves socialising, clubbing, seeking fun and maybe more with any nice guys out there. Box 438365

NOT AFRAID OF HARD WORK?
Lively female, 26, 5'2", brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy, for fun, friendship and more. Box 426555

LIFE IS FOR LIVING
Outgoing, friendly, sociable woman, 27, seeks man to make her laugh and enjoy all that life has to offer. Box 897063

TAKE ME OUT
Fun, lively female, nearly 30, bored to be single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time, petite with dark hair. Box 895349

ALL FOR THE TAKING
Love, socialising, 29, 5'11", brown hair blue eyes, fantastic GSOH, after some fun and laughs, so if that's you let me know. Box 438364

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BOOOYAKASH!
Single Mum of two, 29, bubbly, bright, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, size 14 & curvy, seeking tall, muscular, outgoing guy for socialising and more. Box 438300

HONESTY & HUMOUR PLEASE!
Attractive female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair/eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male 27-38 with a GSOH, for friendship possible LTR. Box 410494

ARE YOU MR RIGHT?
Single mum, 30, 5'2", short brown hair, petite, loves pubs, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437895

ALL IN GOOD TIME
Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, 5'5", watching football, lady, seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437778

LADY MADONNA
Single mum of 2, 31, great GSOH, works full time, seeking male with GSOH, fun-loving and romantic for possible relationship. Box 438417

LOVELY BUBBLY
Hi I'm Cheryl, 31, 5'8", blonde, size 10, have 2 girls, I like walking, the gym and socialising, seeking a similar male for potential partnership. Box 437744

CANTERBURY TALE
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring, considerate, for dancing, seeking tall, white, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430093

HOPING FOR MORE
32yr old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly build, love walking my dog, nights in, evenings out, WLTW tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430093

R U THE 1?
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'8", brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeking caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 430107

ROMANCE IS ALIVE
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, enjoy time with my family/friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love, romance. Box 819350

NEVER SAY NEVER
Decent 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'8", likes cinema, eating, having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship first. Box 739664

THE WIT TO WOO!
Kint female, 38, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no lies, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship, more. Box 152892

ROUND TWO
41yr old female, separated with 3 children, medium build, dark hair, seeking a male to share life with again who enjoys socialising, cinema, music and holidays! Box 437639

ACTIVE ANGEL
Hi, I'm a fun-loving woman early 40, 5'1", curvy, enjoy eating out and cooking, walking, looking for man for happiness. Box 894398

JOIN ME BABY
Fun-loving, vivacious woman, early 40s, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, looking for a confident man with GSOH, NS for friendship, more. Box 868889

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414561

BRING ME SUNSHINE
Easygoing, GSOH, outgoing, easygoing friendly single Mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 438333

ON THE WINGS OF LOVE
Tall, outgoing lady, 43, large build, newly settled in Kent, needs to spread her wings and meet a nice chap! Let's chat! Box 438290

YOUNG & YUMMY
Mum of two, 42, 5'4", blonde hair, brown eyes, medium build, loves eating out, staying in, holidays, seeking male 37-45 with similar interests for love. Box 438349

STRIKE ME!
42, 5'8", slim, down-to-earth, normal! love swimming, cinema, clubs, seeking a male 40-50 for friendship and more! Box 438363

FOREVER YOURS
Hi Caroline, 42, single mum, likes having fun, enjoys going out, wine bars, swimming, looking for someone for something meaningful. Box 430952

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE
Loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814578

HEY BOYS
Attractive female, 49, 5'8", long black hair, blue eyes, long legs, divorced, 3 teenage children, likes meals, cooking, cosy nights in, weekends away! call me! Box 438274

DON'T KEEP ME HANGING
Genuine, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, NS, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love. Maidstone area. Box 800308

READ ALL ABOUT IT
Petite, sociable woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling. WLTW NS male to share things with. Box 429682

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'8", slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 438910

NICE AND LOVING
44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim-medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone area. Box 413448

BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD
Loving and loyal 48yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks someone and loving male between 40-50 for friendship. Box 309272

WHITSTABLE WONDERLAND
Hi, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420160

PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating, in/out, WLTW fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

BIG HEART
New to the area, I'm female, 50, with blonde hair/eyes, 5'8", Seeking nice, outgoing guy who likes meals out, travel, nights in, cinema. Box 437026

LOOKING FOR MY SOULMATE AGAIN
Hello, I'm 53, 5'11", green eyes, greying hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising and more. Box 437251

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...
Hello, I'm 53, 5'11", brown eyes, grey hair, a widow, been hurt badly recently so looking for my soulmate. I enjoy walks, socialising and more. Box 436921

ARE WE SOULMATES?
53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, likes meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 437168

THE CHEEKY DEMON
Cheeky male, 28, blonde hair, blue eyes, tall, good-looking, laidback, seeking attractive lady for fun and perhaps more. Box 438275

R U OUT THERE?
Hi, I'm Mark, 32yrs, brown hair & eyes, muscular build, I'm easy-going, up for a laugh type of guy, looking for Mrs Right. Box 900019

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY
Attractive guy, 34, 5'10", slim, brown hair/eyes, I work hard and I'm looking for a nice lady to spend time with. Rochester Kent. Box 426758

MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP?
Loving male, 33, 6ft, fair hair/blue eyes, I'm like cinema, theatre, meals out, cosy nights in with a take away, keeping fit. Box 437420

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE
Divorced female, 50s, 5'4", own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434941

THANKS FOR LOOKING!
Adventurous male, 38, 5'10", slim, athletic, loves sports, cycling, triathlons, seeking similar active female with GSOH for socialising, drinks, films, meals, more. Box 437499

HERE I AM
I'm Stuart, 36, 6'8", short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a genuine, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437106

LONG LOVE
Kind, loving dad, 36, looking for company and maybe LTR. I love pubs and cinema and looking for the sofa and love. Box 894796

PERHAPS WE SHOULD
Single male, 37, 6ft, medium build, interests include cycling, beach walks, meals, socialising, WLTW nice, similar lady for potential romance. Box 438359

REAL MAN
Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond hair, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine, caring, please call or answer, leave contact details! Box 430444

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH
Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, love horses, many interests, it's about who you're with, not what you're doing. Box 434335

GET UP AND GO
Creative male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading, etc, seeks like-minded, attractive female, 26-35. Whiteable. Box 380976

R U A ME?
Down to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 419417

FANCY THIS
Jason, 38, 5'8", likes meals out, pubs, cinema, cycling, seeks genuine female for friendship and good times. Box 430062

KEEPING DANCIN'
Brunette lady, 61, looking for a LTR, friendship first if you are considerate. Interests: dancing walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432466

DON'T PASS ME BY
Young 61 year old, 5'8", medium build, brown hair/eyes, happy-go-lucky, like dancing, walks, eating out, I'm very adventurous, looking for LTR. Margate Box 434424

Women seeking women
ANIMAL MAGIC!
Cuddly, bisexual female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, passionate Scorpio, loves music, animals, reading, walking, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female, who's loving/caring. Box 431512

A NEW CHAPTER...
Hi, I'm a down 2-earth male, 40, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sport, reading, WLTW someone in the Maidstone area. Box 434547

MAGGIE MAY
Maggie, sociable Sagittarius, buxom, 52-year-old brunette, like music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded, buxom female, 40-55. Box 435191

STRIKE THE RIGHT NOTE
Hi, I'm 58, 5'10", I love watching the dogs, sports, socialising with friends, cinema, pubs, clubs, live music, travel, seeking NS female 30-45 with GSOH. Box 437169

MINDS HIS OWN BUSINESS!
Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid-back, Hi, I'm 41, 5'8", medium-sturdy build, brown hair, own business/home, enjoy walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 430286

MUSIC TO MY EARS
Attractive mixed race male, 40, 5'10", likes chatting, nights in. Looking for female under 41, who lives in Swale or Medway borough, for relationship. Box 895152

CAN COOK, WILL COOK!
Hi, I'm 41, 5'7", short fair hair, stocky, I love long walks, DIY, cooking, holidays, seeking slim, blue-eyed female, for possible relationship! Box 437722

COME ALONG
Divorced male, 41, 5'11", medium build, blue eyes, loves bowling, cinema, swimming, keeping fit, seeking LTR with a fun, happy lady to make life more fun. Box 438293

NOT TO BE MISSED
40+ male, good health, good physique, good friends and family, work hard, like to play when I can, down-to-earth. Box 913490

EVER CHANGING COLOURS
Divorced male, 41, 5'11", medium build, blue eyes, loves squash, badminton, swimming, keeping fit, seeking LTR with a fun, happy lady to make life more fun. Box 898003

HERE'S TO LOOKING FORWARD!
Hello, you, if you're fed up with looking back, I'm the past and wondering what? If I'm 41 and I'm your man! Box 909888

BIG DEAL IN DEAL
Attractive male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, clubbing, cinema, cosy nights in, seeks like-minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 389867

CAN BE HEROES...
Handsome male, 43, slim, good-looking, enjoys music, cinema, nights in with a glass of wine, seeks attractive, kind, caring female, 30-45, for fun/relationship/possible more. Box 387607

PARTY TILL DAWN!
Attention! Ladies! Nice looking, cheeky, fun loving guy, 42, seeks an attractive, fun loving female for loads of fun & laughs. East Kent. Box 824810

LOVING RELATIONSHIP
Loving guy, in Ashford, 1m, 43, and have dark hair/eyes, medium build. I enjoy theatre, holidays, cinema, beach walks, music, bowling. Box 437557

MISS THIS MISS OUT
43yr old happy go lucky male, dark hair, enjoys socialising, beach walks, restaurant, looking for loving, warm female for lasting relationship. Box 437561

WAITING FOR YOU
Hi ladies, I'm 43, dark-haired, blue eyes, 5'8", slim-medium build, active, love life, love holidays, theatre, beach walks, meals, if you're interested please get in touch. Box 437534

AVOID ME
SEEMS AVERAGE JO
I'm 45, 5'10", medium build, blue eyes, shaved head, like having fun, a laugh, love to go to the cinema, seeking a female 28-48 for romance. Box 438737

SUCCESSFUL AND SINGLE
Good looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorbikes, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489

TO SHARE MY LIFE
Active male, 44, 5'2", slim-medium, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 920903

MOVING ON
Hi I'm 38, 5'8", medium-sturdy build, 2 children, love bike-rides, swimming, walks, seeking female partner for fun, friendship, and to start new life with! Box 436381

COME MEET MY ROCKY
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Super-slick Shanghai

BY PAUL MCGURK

THE skyline is pure science fiction – glinting spires, brash neon, vast skyscrapers, monuments which look as if they are about to take off and advertising dominating whole sides of buildings, in blinding light.

It's hard not to think of Ridley Scott's cityscapes in Blade Runner. Sipping a cocktail on the top floor of a hotel and looking down upon the bright lights, you might think you're watching a movie. But it's real.

This is Shanghai; vibrant powerhouse of new China, dazzling, ultra-modern and super-slick. It's difficult to believe that much of what you see in the Pudong area was built within the last 20 years.

The jewel in the crown of the high-rise city is the Oriental Pearl Tower. Its 'moon-base' spheres and javelin spire were created back in 1994, and it's the most arresting sight – but by no means the only sight – in the city.

Everywhere are symbols of design ingenuity and daring, making Shanghai one of the most architecturally innovative cities in the world.

A flavour of this taste for the new and bold can be gained from a ride on the MagLev (or magnetically levitating) train, the first such commercial line in the world. Running from Pudong International Airport to the centre of



SKYLINE: Shanghai looks like pure science fiction

the city, it reaches a mind-boggling 431kmph (268mph), turning the scenery into a blur.

The Pudong area is filled with hotels from which to explore the city and one of the best is the Shangri-La. Boasting widescreen views of the Huangpu River from the elegant rooms, the hotel has a number of high-end leisure facilities under its own roof, such as the Yi Cafe, with its 10 chef stations.

A cruise down the Huangpu gives you the best of both worlds in Shanghai, taking in the lights and modernity of Pudong on the east side and the grandeur of The Bund district in the west. At night the city comes alive, its glaring lights best savoured before 10pm on the top deck of the boat.

The Bund features traditional architectural glories from a pre-revolution, colonial era. Although neglected in some cases, buildings are being restored to their former splendour and the interiors can be stunning, such as HSBC Bank's opulent marble-floored main chamber.

In and around The Bund are other insights into street-level Shanghai, from quaint bric-a-brac shops and open-air exercise apparatus in the streets (apparently, to keep the population healthy and out of hospitals), to the rows of laundry festooning beautiful facades.

With Expo 2010 bound for Shanghai following the Beijing Olympics this year, the city's evolution is set to continue. There is little doubt it is one of the fastest-growing, most exciting cities on Earth.

There is much to explore beyond the city too, if your visit is long enough. Barely 40 minutes away by high-speed train, the city of Suzhou on the lower reaches of the Yangtze River has two must-sees; the Suzhou Museum and The Humble Administrator's Garden.

The museum (www.szmuseum.com), designed by the renowned Ioh Ming Pei, has such large spaces and restful lines that its splendour comes close to eclipsing the art treasures within.

In The Humble Administrator's Garden, a project of local official Wang Xianchen in 1513, almost every view looks as if it could be framed on a wall. At dusk, walkways, ponds and greenery become almost ethereal – a garden of dreams.

FACT FILE: SHANGHAI

Time difference	UK time +8 hours
Currency	Yuan (approx 14 to £1)
Population	20.6m
Main airport	Pudong International
Language	Mandarin
Religion	Taoism/Buddhism
Climate	Humid/sub-tropical

Holiday details

Paul McGurk flew with Virgin (www.virginatlantic.com), which offers Heathrow-Shanghai returns from £571 including tax. Upper class returns featuring the Cowshed, a business class lounge with complimentary meals, drinks and spa treatments, cost around £3900.

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Pudong Shangri-La rooms start at £180 per night, visit www.shangri-la.com

Huangpu River tours from various operators cost roughly £7.

The Shanghai-Suzhou train costs about £2 return.



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PROPERTY NEWS

White stuff attracts buyers overseas

INVESTORS in overseas property are now turning to the snow rather than the sea when it comes to desirable locations.

The Alps are becoming increasingly popular at the expense of Mediterranean hotspots which traditionally dominated the market for UK buyers abroad.

France, Italy and Austria all saw strong increases in interest, while Canada was also proving popular among those looking for property abroad. The latest HiFX Global Property Hotspots report, which covers the period from January to March this year, also shows interest in summer destinations such as Spain and Cyprus is waning.

"The French Alps are still top for Brits seeking a place in the snow, with France accounting for 26 per cent of all inquiries due to its close proximity and cheap airlines," explained Mark Bodega, director of HiFX.

He added that prices are higher in well established resorts such as Meribel, Courchevel and Chamonix – but the rental yields for landlords also remain consistently high in these areas.

Feeling safe at home can prove priceless

HOMEOWNERS have spent a staggering £27 billion on security systems in the last five years in an attempt to feel secure following a break-in.

The figure was revealed by a survey commissioned by Intamac Systems, which examined the costs of burglary to families.

While many said they would consider the chief burden to be the financial outlay after a violation of their home, the emotional cost can be just as severe according to the experts.

For a large proportion of people surveyed nothing could make them feel safe in their home. A third of those questioned stated they were forced to pack up their possessions and move home.

However, those that remained in a property spent £27bn on improvements to their security.

"While we have tried to put a figure on peace of mind, it seems that feeling safe in your own home is priceless," said company spokesman David Rimmer.

"We talk about our homes being our castles, but after a break-in the householder's relationship with their home changes, with many striving to regain the air of safety and normality."



PRICE OF FAILURE: DIY disasters at home can be expensive to put right, and you may need some additional household cover if you want to claim from an insurance policy

The hidden costs of men who tackle DIY

■ BY NICK AMES

NEW research has shown that contrary to popular belief men are not natural DIYers.

According to the study many dislike doing it, but feel pressured to try and redesign the bedroom, remodel the kitchen or rewire the hi-fi system.

More than a third said if they had the choice they would not carry out home improvements, but feel a sense of duty to do it after being put upon by their partners or family.

And the bad news for men – half of women believe DIY skills are desirable in a prospective partner.

More than 1,500 male homeowners were

questioned in the survey for Halifax Home Insurance.

The study found that in a bid to impress their partners many men may be planning to attempt ambitious and potentially dangerous home improvement projects involving building, gas or electrical works.

It revealed that a quarter of men have attempted electrical wiring at home, while almost a quarter of men have attempted to fit an entire new kitchen.

The survey warned that people who undertake large home improvement jobs themselves, without the proper qualifications or experience, risk invalidating their home insurance policies if things go wrong.

Martyn Foulds, a senior claims manager for Halifax Homes Insurance, said: "TV home makeover shows make it all appear so simple

and it's easy to forget that these are highly skilled professionals.

"In reality, trying to tackle certain areas you are not qualified for, such as electrics or plumbing, could invalidate your home insurance policy, leaving you liable for any subsequent damage.

"We'd recommend using a reputable tradesman rather than going it alone."

Accidental breakage to some parts of the home, for example sinks, baths, ceramic hobs and fixed glass in doors, is included in most buildings insurance policies.

But householders may need additional accidental damage insurance cover to protect against common DIY disasters that befall thousands of people, such as drilling through water pipes, spilling paint on carpets, or putting feet through ceilings.

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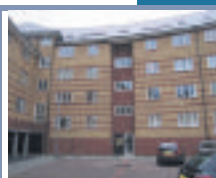
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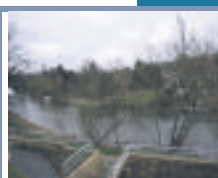
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ALL-NEW JEEP: Jeep's Chrysler Group parent claims the newcomer is one of the best-built cars it has ever produced, though interior quality is well below par for the sector

Jeep's own 4x4 rival to the family hatch

ROAD TEST

JEEP PATRIOT

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

JEEP has an all-new entry model in the finest 4x4 tradition of the brand and yet cheap enough to tempt would-be family hatchback buyers.

OK, the £15,995 lead-in price is for the 2.4 petrol version, so stomp up an extra grand for the entry level diesel, the 2.0CRD Sport tested here.

With a Volkswagen-sourced turbodiesel and slick six-speed manual gearbox, this model can be hustled brilliantly on-road and – as I proved at last year's launch event – tackle seriously tough terrain by using the fully-lockable 'Freedom Drive' 4x4 transmission.

It is not in the same league as Jeep's bigger kit, but not bad for a proper 4x4 selling for the price of a well-spec'd family hatch and capable of delivering a decent drive and a smooth ride.

It should also be long-lived; Jeep's Chrysler Group parent claims the newcomer is one of the best-built cars it has ever produced, though interior quality is well below par for the sector.

On the bright side though I can see that the materials used make it easier to remove the

chocolate and sticky sweets plus juice and wee stains that have disfigured our ageing Toyota RAV-4 'kiddie wagon'.

The layout is fairly practical too, with lots of stowage and cup holders and even a flip-up MP3 player slot in the armrest, conveniently situated for plugging into the centre console's 12v socket.

The seats are mounted high despite the Patriot's comparatively modest height for this class and also comfortable, with enough lateral support for yomping across the rough stuff.

However, the car is more 4.5-seater than full five-seater even if the utilitarian 4x4 estate styling delivers good rear legroom and headroom.

Boot space is also restricted by the extra transmission and underfloor spare, but folding the 60/30 split rear seats opens up lots of load carrying flexibility.

Yes, the Patriot is a pugnacious character, but it won't break the bank and while full-size 4x4 sales falter under the onslaught of tax, spiraling fuel prices and the heated 'green debate' it makes a convincing alternative – it looks the part while averaging 40mpg.



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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

HONDA ACCORD



IS it a prestige badge or not? Honda constantly juggles that question, as well as the buying public. There is no doubting Honda quality, but the front-wheel drive Accord executive saloon struggles to deserve a mention alongside the classic rear-driven layout of the BMW 3-Series. Nevertheless, the Honda is beautifully made, offers a sporting drive and is unlikely to let you down en route to a top-level meeting. The so-called 'whispering diesel' option is also one of the best too.

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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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FIESTA, 1.25 Style 3dr, g156vj, adjustable seats, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote central locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, contact the used car team for more help, insurance group 4, black, 4570 miles, £8489, SMC Ford Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec 5dr [Climate], adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, immobiliser, passenger airbag, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, silver, 11385 miles, £7995, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 0844 5762452 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 LX 2005, aqurius, 24000 miles, £7995, CB Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

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FOCUS, 1.6 LX TDCi 115ps New model, 2005, machine silver with charcoal special trim, 30000 miles, £7995, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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CIVIC, 1.6i Vtec Se, 883649, honda civic 1.6 i-vtec se 5dr honda honda turnbridge wells drake & fletcher magnetic blue, 2004, 17765 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £7995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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JEEP

GRAND CHEROKEE, 1997, green, 18000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDi LE Automatic Diesel, 2006, insurance group 9 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electrodor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking roof rails steering wheel rake adjustment, cool silver, 17780 miles, £3495, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

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DEFENDER, 90 TDI County Station Wagon, 10862054, power steering, tow pack, side steps, rear wash/wipe, sunroof, 4x4, 7 seater, road tax is £185 per year on this vehicle, blue, 50000 miles, £10995, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

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TF, Sprint Sports, 5919079, front fog lamps, remote central locking, alarm, immobiliser, alcantara leather, electric mirrors, electric windows, cd player, steering wheel radio cassette, alloy wheels, silver green, 26612 miles, £4495, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

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COOPER, 1.6, 856649, mini cooper 1.6 3dr honda honda turnbridge wells drake & fletcher white, 2007, 7872 miles, manual, petrol, 3 doors, previous owners, white, £14995, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

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COOPER, 2005, abs body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electrodor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front head restraints height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment, metallic silver, 35340 miles, £10995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

COOPER, 2007, abs alarm body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electrodor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows immobiliser isofox child seat anchor points pas passenger airbag radio/cd rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking service indicator side airbags steering wheel rake adjustment, metallic silver, 4941 miles, £15995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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COLT, 1.1 C21, 2006, abs body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows, height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, lunar silver, 35000 miles, £5995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

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NISSAN

MICRA, 1.2 16v S Hatchback 5dr auto, 06/2006, electric windows central locking pas, blue, 13, 000 miles, £5795, Chertion Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

MICRA, S 1.2, 2005, aruba blue metallic with grey high velour, 20000 miles, £4995, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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206, 2006, abs alarm alloy wheels audio remote control body coloured bumpers climate control drivers airbag electrodor mirrors front armrest front electric windows front fog lights front head restraints heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser isofox child seat anchor points leather seat trim passenger airbag radio/cd rear armrest rear electric windows rear headrests remote central locking service indicator side airbags sports seats steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, iron grey, 11300 miles, £10495, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8303 2299 (TRADE)

206, 1.4 HDi SE 3dr, fm04vh, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, trip computer, abs, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 40000 miles, £5795, Clearways Commercial, Sevenoaks, 01474 853334 (TRADE)

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Days: £19,086 pa or Nights: £17,573 pa
(Pay review pending)

Average 40 hours per week

"Our centre accommodates sentenced and remanded young people whose ages range from 12 to 17 years old. As a member of staff, I'm here to support and encourage the young people, helping them in education when needed and also in the living units.

The centre has a strict routine and it's part of my job to motivate the young people to abide by the rules. Sometimes it can be a little challenging so plenty of initiative and interpersonal skills are important.

Working with the young people is a challenge that I thrive on. It keeps me motivated and on my toes which is the kind of energy I try to pass on. The sense of satisfaction I get when someone says thank you after I've helped them to achieve something is fantastic and it makes my job worthwhile."

Steve

Training Centre Assistant

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Warehouse Assistants - Ref: WA08

37.5 hours per week over five days, including weekends
£260 - £372 per week + shift allowance + benefits

6am - 2pm: £13 per week shift allowance
4pm - midnight: £65 per week shift allowance
8pm - 4am: £86.65 per week shift allowance

If you have basic Maths and English skills, are physically fit and have the motivation to keep our warehouse running smoothly, we'd love to hear from you.

LGV1 Drivers - Ref: D08

43 hours per week, flexible shift start times

£360 - £464 per week + shift allowance + benefits

Afternoon shifts: £72 per week shift allowance
We're looking for people with a clean C+E LGV1 driving licence to transport ambient, fruit and vegetables and chilled products to our stores in the south east. Knowledge of operating multi-chamber temperature-controlled articulated vehicles would be advantageous. A friendly, helpful and team-orientated approach is essential.

Transport Operators - Ref: TO08

37.5 hours per week over five days, including weekends

6am - 2pm: £20,200 - £24,800 + benefits
2pm - 10pm: £21,000 - £26,300 + benefits

As one of our team of Transport Operators, you'll be responsible for executing the day-to-day plan, ensuring the operation runs smoothly and efficiently. This will entail despatching vehicles, making sure the site is controlled effectively and liaising with our warehouse teams. You should be familiar with a transport/logistics environment, be highly motivated, have a sharp eye for detail, a cool head under pressure and the ability to think on your feet.

Vehicle Technicians - Ref: VT08

37.5 hours per week over five days

£402 - £484 per week + shift allowance + benefits

Alternating two-week rota (6am - 2pm/2pm - 10pm):
£60.30 per week shift allowance
Night shift (10pm - 6am):
£133.98 per week shift allowance

You'll carry out servicing, MOTs and repairs to ensure our fleet is maintained to a safe and roadworthy standard in line with VOSA, as well as dealing with all the related paperwork. You should be an experienced mechanic with City and Guilds 1, 2, 3 Vehicle Technician or equivalent, CITB/City and Guilds Refrigeration/Gas Handling, IRTEC and an LGV C+E driving licence. Good communication skills are also important.

Part-time Catering Assistants - Ref: CA08

£6.36 - £8.30 per hour + £1.27 per hour shift allowance + benefits * 1.45pm - 8.30pm working 3 set days*

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Valence School, Westerham, Kent TN16 1QN
Tel: 01959-562156 Ext 556. Fax: 01959-565046
e-mail: jusher-sparks@valence.kent.sch.uk

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We are looking for some experience of procurement, preferably within the public sector, an enquiring mind and good written and oral communication skills. We will support studying for a professional qualification and put a learning emphasis on supporting personal development.

Ref: CED/08/0035

Closing date: midday, 8th April 2008.

Warm Stone is an innovative alternative curriculum Pupil Referral Unit for KS4 & KS5 students with complex needs, involving an engaging and broad curriculum and a new slant on curriculum delivery. The project has high staff/student ratios, a clear ethos and training programme and works closely with CAMHS & KCC Social Services staff.

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Starting salary £16,221, with progression through contribution related pay to £17,842 pro rata

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Ref: CFE/08/0118

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Starting salary £13,619, with progression through contribution related pay to £15,440 pro rata

3 x Warmstone Project, East Kent, West Kent and Folkestone

Ref: CFE/08/0115

Committed to high quality and genuinely imaginative education, Warm Stone is expanding to establish satellite centres in West and East Kent. KCC are looking for new staff to join an existing creative staff team in the Mid-Kent Centre and views the three Centre Managers as the key appointments in this expansion.

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Applicants for all posts (apart from the PA role) will have to provide evidence of effective working with disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to curriculum innovation

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The post requires a motivated self-starter who has at least 2 years experience of youth work and/or managing volunteers. The ability to work positively with a range of partners and demonstrate excellent networking skills is essential.

Own car essential, possession of a minibus MIDAS certificate an advantage. The successful applicant will be CRB checked.

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Salary from £20,000 (Full Time - 37 hours – 2 year contract) Post based at Dartford

Experienced youth worker able to develop and run successful young volunteer projects based on sport, the environment, campaigning and citizenship directly involving young refugees and asylum seekers. The projects will be community based and include statutory and third sector partners.

The ability to network with refugee support agencies, sports establishments, community support groups and statutory youth support agencies will feature greatly in this role.

Some experience of working with these vulnerable young people (mainly young males) will be an advantage but all round skills as a youth worker are vital. A proven self-starter with own car and the ability to work alone are major attributes. Training and support available plus the opportunity to work with an experienced team of youth workers.

Telephone 01732 469549 or email tracyr@vsuinkent.org for an online application pack.

Deadline for applications:

Monday 31st March

Interviews to be held:

Tuesday 8th April

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Brompton Westbrook Primary

KS 2 Teacher
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Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs C Knight
Brompton Westbrook Primary School
Kings Bastion, Brompton
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5DQ
Telephone - (01634) 844152
Email office@
bromptonwestbrook.medway.sch.uk

Featherby Junior School

Inclusion/SEN teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN 1
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 4 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr Paul Green, Headteacher
Featherby Junior School
Chilham Road, Gillingham
Kent ME8 6BT
Telephone - (01634) 231984
Email office@
featherby-jun.medway.sch.uk

Hempstead Junior School

Key Stage 2 Teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
The School Office
Hempstead Junior School
Birch Grove, Hempstead
Kent ME7 3SD
Telephone - (01634) 371823
Email office@
hempstead-jun.medway.sch.uk

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre

Key Stage 1 & 2 teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Faye McDonald
The School Office
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School
and Marlborough Centre
Pottery Road, Hoo
Rochester
Kent ME3 9BS
Telephone - (01634) 338040
Email office@
hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre

Key Stage 1 & 2 teachers
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Full time or part time & temporary
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St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School

Key stage 1 & 2 teachers
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Mrs Barbara Salamonczyk,
Headteacher
St Benedict's Roman Catholic
Primary School
Lambourn Way, Lordswood
Chatham
Kent ME56 8PU
Telephone - (01634) 669700
Email headteacher@
st-benedicts.medway.sch.uk

St James' C of E VA Primary School

Key stage 2 teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
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St James' C of E VA Primary
School
Isle of Grain, Rochester
Kent ME3 0BS
Telephone - (01634) 270341
Email
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The Pilgrim School

Key stage 1 Teacher (job share)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Job share and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 4 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs D Field, Office Manager
The Pilgrim School
Warwick Crescent
Borstal, Rochester
Kent ME1 3LF
Telephone - (01634) 841873
Email
office@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk

Allhallows Primary School

KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and fixed term
Term of contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
Lisa Tarry, School Business Manager
Allhallows Primary School
Avery Way, Allhallows
Rochester
Kent ME3 9HR
Telephone - (01634) 270705
Email headteacher@
allhallows.medway.sch.uk

Fairview Community Primary School

Foundation Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and fixed term
Term of contract: 1 Year
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008

To apply/more information

Diana Parker, Office Manager
Fairview Community Primary
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Drewey Drive, Wigmore
Gillingham
Kent ME8 0NU
Telephone - (01634) 338710
Email office@
fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

Parkwood Infant School

Foundation/KS1 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
Miss Lindsay Mackenzie
Headteacher
Parkwood Infant School
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Senior Leader

St Benedict's Roman Catholic Primary School

Senior leader of teaching and learning
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2C (£2364)
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Year Group Leader

Delce Junior School

Year Group Leader
Salary: L1 - 4 (£34,938 - £37,623)
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Required From: 1 September 2008
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To apply/more information
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Deputy Headteacher

Hoo St Werburgh Primary School and Marlborough Centre

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: LS 11 - 15
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 31 March 2008
To apply/more information
Miss Joanne Trickett, Headteacher
Hoo St Werburgh Primary School
Pottery Road, Rochester
Kent ME3 9BS
Telephone - (01634) 338040
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Stoke Community School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: L1-L5
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Carolyn Cassettari, Headteacher
Stoke Community School
Lower Stoke, Rochester
Kent ME3 9SL
Telephone - (01634) 2702678
Email headteacher@
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Foundation Stage Leader St James' C of E VA Primary School

Foundation Stage Leader
Salary: MPS/UPS +TLRb
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
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To apply/more information
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Email
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Teacher

Greenacre School

Teacher of PE
Full Time and permanent
Salary: MPS/UPS
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 30 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Greenacre School Bradfields
Avenue, Chatham
Kent ME5 0LE
Telephone - (01634) 861593
E-mail
office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of English
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
Mr D Kelly, Headteacher
St John Fisher Catholic
Comprehensive School
Ordinance Street, Chatham
Kent ME4 6DP
Telephone - (01634) 842811
Email headteacher@
st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

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Teacher of Modern Foreign
Languages
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
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St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of Law
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Telephone - (01634) 842811
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The Thomas Aveling

Teacher of Business Studies
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
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The Thomas Aveling School
Arethusa Road, Rochester
Kent ME1 2UW
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Email office@thomasaveling.co.uk

Assistant Faculty Leader

St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Assistant Faculty Leader of
Religious Education
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Head of Department

Greenacre School

Subject Leader in English
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1b
(£9,981)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 30 April 2008
To apply/more information
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(A Specialist Sports College)
Bradfields Avenue, Chatham
Kent ME5 0LE
Telephone - (01634) 861593
Fax - 01634 869246
Email
office@greenacre.medway.sch.uk

The Howard School

Head of Technology
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 1C
(£8405)
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 4 April 2008

To apply/more information

Mr P G Morris, Principle
The Howard School
Derwent Way, Rainham
Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 388765
Email
office@howard.medway.sch.uk

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Education
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(£11,557)
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 3 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 28 March 2008
To apply/more information
The School Office
Walderslade Girls School
Bradfields Avenue, Walderslade
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Kent ME5 0LE
Telephone - (01634) 861596
Email headteacher@
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Head of Department

Chatham South School

Head of ICT
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLRc
Full time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 21 April 2008
To apply/more information
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Email headteacher@
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SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Elaine Primary (Chalklands Opportunity Centre)

SEN Teacher (Primary)
Salary: MPS/UPS + 2 SEN
allowance
Part time and Permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing Date: 29 March 2008
To apply/more information
Lynne Garnham, Headteacher
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Innovation centre is given Key to success

A DRIVE towards new technology in Kent has been boosted with the appointment of a marketing high-flier as co-ordinator for the Thames Innovation Centre.

Robert Key is to help develop technology companies as well as attract overseas companies that might be looking for a UK base for their European operations.

He said the centre, intended to be the heart of the future Thames Gateway technology sector, is much more than just a building.

Mr Key added: "Not only can we offer smart and well equipped office space, but the centre also offers a complete range of business support packages and access to finance that will enable new ventures to grow and flourish."

His previous jobs have included working with a private medical company and developing its clinic base nationwide, in addition to working within a marketing consultancy offering services to SMEs based in the South East.

Northern Rock still a charitable institution

GUARANTEED funding promises from the newly nationalised bank Northern Rock have enabled its charitable arm to state that it will almost double its budget.

The Northern Rock Foundation initially feared its projects would be ended by the well publicised collapse of the bank last year.

But Alastair Balls, the charity's chairman, has now been able to increase his grants budget for this year from £7 million to £11m, following pledges made during the nationalisation process which have recently been made public.

Until the end of last year, Northern Rock set aside five per cent of its profits each year to fund the foundation.

And the collapse of the bank prompted Mr Balls to cut the charity's grants budget for 2008 to just £7m.

However, provisions in the legislation paving the way for the nationalisation of Northern Rock commit it to funding the foundation to the tune of at least £15 million a year until 2010.

Why businesses 'must help' to cut waste mountain

■ BY NICK AMES

MAJOR companies should be asked to accept voluntarily their responsibility to cut waste, according to the Conservative Party.

Opposition MPs spoke out after high-profile campaigns in the media and among conservation groups to get rid of such things as plastic bags in supermarkets and cut packaging on foodstuffs and other perishables.

The party says existing EU rules are not wide-ranging enough and are "propping up our throwaway culture".

Former Tory MP for Tunbridge Wells – who was the boss of Asda – Archie Norman has been asked to look for ways of working with firms on a 'fundamental rethink' of tackling waste.

The Government has already given supermarkets a year to slash the use of plastic bags, threatening legislation if they do not.

The steering group on waste is part of a wider drive by the Conservatives to persuade businesses they have an important role to play in creating a better society – on issues from obesity to climate change.

Tory leader David Cameron said corporate social responsibility was "a really vital challenge for the future"

– but should not burden businesses and the economy with higher tax and regulation.

"We're not going to solve any of the big problems we face as a society, as a country or as a world, unless we have responsible business playing its part," he said.

"We're not going to make Britain a more family-friendly country, unless business plays its part in terms of helping families to have time together. We won't deal with childhood obesity, or teenage pregnancy, or any of the other childhood issues we're looking at, without business acting responsibly, without playing its part."

The Tories say the current approach to dealing with the 330 million tonnes of waste produced in the UK each year is "bureaucratic and sluggish".

Members say the EC Directive on packaging and waste has had limited success as it only covers a small amount of waste – such as electrical and electronic equipment, vehicles and batteries.

Meanwhile the effort to increase recycling is "driven by the threat of hefty fines" rather than a "fundamental rethink of how we look at waste".



TASK MASTER: Former Tory MP Archie Norman – and boss of supermarket chain Asda – has been asked to look at ways of tackling waste with businesses

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COMING SOON: Maidstone could have its first athletics track up and running by the summer

On track for summer?

MEDWAY & MAIDSTONE runner Adrian Lowther believes the proposed athletics track at Sutton Valence could be in use by the summer.

Sutton Valence School and Medway & Maidstone Athletics club have joined forces in a bid to build the county town's first athletics facility, which will cater for all track and field events. The project was originally tabled for planning permission earlier this year, but a number of circumstances have halted the procedure.

Residents near the site in Sutton Valence have complained about the floodlights that have been proposed. Since then the

ATHLETICS

plan has been altered with the track moved slightly. In the next few weeks a floodlight test will be carried out at the site.

It is believed the project will be up for planning permission when Maidstone Borough Council meet on April 21.

At the moment, athletes in Maidstone have to travel to Hoo near Rochester or The Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford to train.

Lowther told Yourmaidstone: "From my personal point of view, I am not worried if the process of getting planning permission is delayed by five or six months as

long as the track is built. If all goes well we could see the track up and running in the summer. The facility is in desperate need for Maidstone and with the Olympics fast approaching, I am sure more and more youngsters will want to get involved in athletics."

In two weeks time, Medway & Maidstone AC will be entering a team for the South of England Road Relay Championships. The event involves 12 runners competing in a relay over 12 road stages.

Kent cross country champion Michael Coleman will lead the team as they bid to eclipse their ninth position of last year and qualify for the National Championship.

Ladies fired up for top five spot

HOPES of a place in the top five in the National South League for Maidstone Ladies Hockey 1st XI could still be alive if they turnover Firebrands on Saturday.

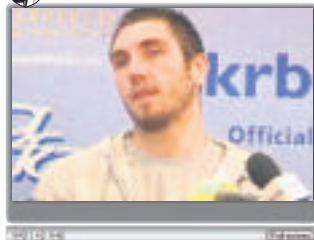
In their previous meeting this season the side from Bristol secured a 2-1 win at Armstrong Road in September. Maidstone will want to avenge that defeat and a win could see them rise to seventh.

On Saturday, Maidstone men's 1st XI will be in action in their crucial match against already relegated Richmond. The men have to win to ensure their South Hockey Premier League status.

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Gills defender Garry Richards gives his view on the club's relegation fears

Jaguar leaps in with sponsorship

AYLESFORD Ladies RFC have signed a new sponsorship deal with Guy Salmon Jaguar dealership in a bid to continue their rise up the leagues.

The sponsorship budget will be used to continue the development of ladies and girls rugby at Aylesford and help with travel costs.

Michele Mayhew, First XV Captain said: "This sponsorship deal will make a huge difference to the ladies and girls section. For us to achieve greater goals and play at the highest level we need continued investment. Guy Salmon Jaguar will certainly make an ideal partner because they share our vision."

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RELEGATION THREAT: Maidstone United almost held out for a share of the points against the league leaders only to be dealt a cruel blow in the last minute

Picture STEVE TERRELL

Selley at the double as Stones move clear

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

East Thurrock 2 Maidstone United 4

defence stood tall and held out for the first half. On 71 minutes Maidstone had a rare attack and started to grow in confidence. Hegley let fly with a drive from 20 yards but City goalkeeper Danny Gay was equal to it.

It was Maidstone who looked like opening the scoring as the final whistle grew nearer. Just five minutes from time they created their best opening of the match. Substitute Mo Takaloo burst through the defence to set up Hegley, but his header from a tight angle found the side netting.

With just seconds remaining, Maidstone were dealt a cruel blow as Chelmsford sealed the three points. Jasmes Lawson's shot was parried by Stones goalkeeper Steve Northwood with the rebound put into the net by Dean Palmer.

The Stones went in search of an equaliser, but

with the final whistle rapidly approaching they fell to their 20th defeat of the season.

Maidstone United boss Alan Walker found the defeat hard to take after a strong defensive display had kept his side in the match for 89 minutes.

Walker told Yourmaidstone: "I am very disappointed that we did not come away with anything from the game. We had a game plan and for 89 minutes it worked very well. We just fell asleep for one moment and it proved costly. I will take the positives from it compared to our last game against them because at least we kept 11 players on the field. We created very little in attack but neither did Chelmsford which is a credit to us because they are the best side in this league."

Maidstone's win at rivals East Thurrock came courtesy of an Ian Selley brace as well as strikes from defender Chris Smalling and striker Alex Tiesse.

It now means United leapfrog East Thurrock and sit in 16th position, two points from the drop zone. Walker's side will next be in action on Saturday when they take on another Wealdstone at Bourne Park.



ON THE RISE: Aylesford Bulls hope their forwards and foreign flair will cause promotion chasers Dover trouble when they clash in Saturday's game

Picture IGOR KUPCO

Bulls benefit from a mixed blend of talent

A BLEND of home-grown and foreign players have been the key to success for Aylesford Bulls, according to head coach Nick France.

The London South East Three side have slowly crept up the league after a poor start to the season, with a squad representing four or more nations. The Bulls are fourth in the division, but a healthy cosmopolitan squad has given the team an edge.

France told Yourmaidstone: "It is important to have a healthy blend of home-grown and foreign players. This season we have brought in players from South Africa, Australia and

RUGBY

■ BY TOM HOWARD

also a Poland international and it has certainly given our squad an edge. We have persevered with them and now we are starting to reap the rewards. I just wish they had gelled at the start of the season."

In the past the Bulls have relied on their youth squads to mature and fill the vacancies in the first team. However, with the club progressing and looking for promotion to London Two South, the youth players are struggling to fill the void.

France said: "In an ideal world we would like to fill our first team with youth players coming up the ranks. Last year it did not work as they were not mature enough. We have now brought in foreign players and the system is working."

On Saturday the Bulls take on promotion chasers Dover. After running the league leaders Gravesend close in their last match, Aylesford will be confident of getting something from the game.

France added: "I think the only way we have a chance of beating them is if we dominate with our forwards. It is the tactic we used against Gravesend and they struggled to deal with it."

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SPORTS FOOTBALL



MOVING FORWARD: Maidstone boss Alan Walker is happy with his side's new signings at Bourne Park

New signings help Stones move on

MAIDSTONE United manager Alan Walker is pleased how his new signings have gelled together and hopes his side will retain their Ryman Premier League status next season.

Earlier this month, Walker bolstered his Maidstone squad, who are struggling in the bottom half of the league, with three new faces. Former Arsenal midfielder Ian Selley, Mark Saunders from Folkestone Invicta and young defender Marc Clearey were all brought in to change the club's fortunes.

The Stones' first season in the Ryman Premier has been a baptism of fire and has seen them slip into a relegation battle. However, after just a handful of games the new faces have settled well.

Walker said: "The new signings have gelled very well into our squad and I think the central midfield partnership of Ian Selley and Mark Saunders is one of the best in the league. Selley's quality really has showed in the last few games despite his age. His quality of deliveries into the box are second to none and it showed with his free kick against Harlow a couple of weeks back. The football is starting to pick up a bit now."

One of the bright stars of a difficult season has been the emergence of central defender Chris Smalling. The 18-year old Chatham schoolboy has progressed through the youth set-up and has triggered interest from FA Premier League club's Fulham and Middlesbrough.

The promising defender, who has been training with Middlesbrough and is involved at the heart of the England Schoolboys' defence, will be staying with Maidstone until the end of the season.

Walker said: "Smalling has been great for us but we are going to lose him for a few matches because of his England schoolboys duty. When he has been playing for us he looks solid and he rarely makes mistakes."

On Saturday, Maidstone United will be in action against fellow strugglers Wealdstone as they continue their battle to beat the drop from the Ryman Premier.

Racer gets his truck on the track

TRUCK RACING

AS the opening round of the British Truck Racing Championship got under way earlier this week, Aylesford racer Graham Powell has eyes on progressing to the prestigious World Championship in the near future.

Powell, who only started racing in trucks in 2005, is confident ahead of the new season after stepping up to the sport's top category. He now believes he will be able to challenge for honours after finishing runner-up in Class B last year.

Powell said: "I am really looking forward to the new season especially as I have moved up a class to class A with a brand new truck. I finished second last season so confidence is high at the moment."

"The new truck is a lot more technical than my old machine. It has an electronically controlled engine which puts out a lot more horse power. Everything on the truck can be adjustable in a bid to make it quicker."

The championship is contested over 12 rounds including two meetings at Brands Hatch, a round at the famous Nurburgring Formula One circuit and race against the best in the world at Donnington in the FIA World



IN CONTROL: Graham Powell takes on the Brands Hatch Indy circuit in his five-tonne truck

Truck Racing Championship.

Powell added: "I cannot wait for the FIA meeting at Donnington Park. It is our chance to mix it with the best truck racers in the world. One day I hope I can race in that series if I can scrape together the funds needed."

The next round of the championship will be in April at the Pembrey circuit in Wales.

• For a full report on the Easter Monday Truck racing action from Brands Hatch, log on to www.yourmaidstone.co.uk.

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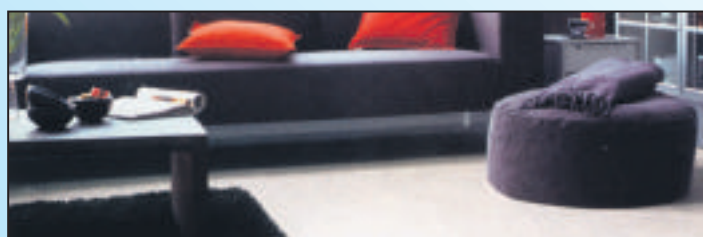
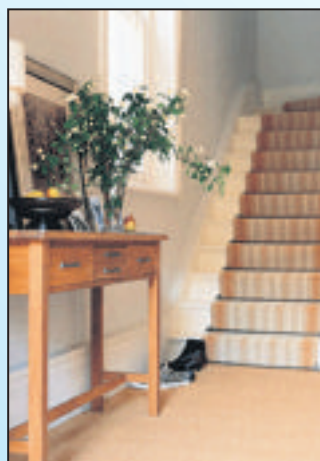
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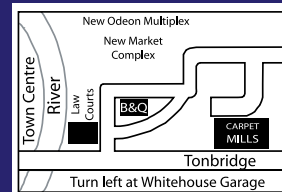


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